



THE
LUTHERAN CHURCH
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St Matthews Service

Rev. Christopher LaBoube

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

01-16-2022

"Trust in the Lord with all our heart, and lean not on our own understanding. In all you ways, acknowledge him and he will direct your path." **(Proverbs 3:5-6)**

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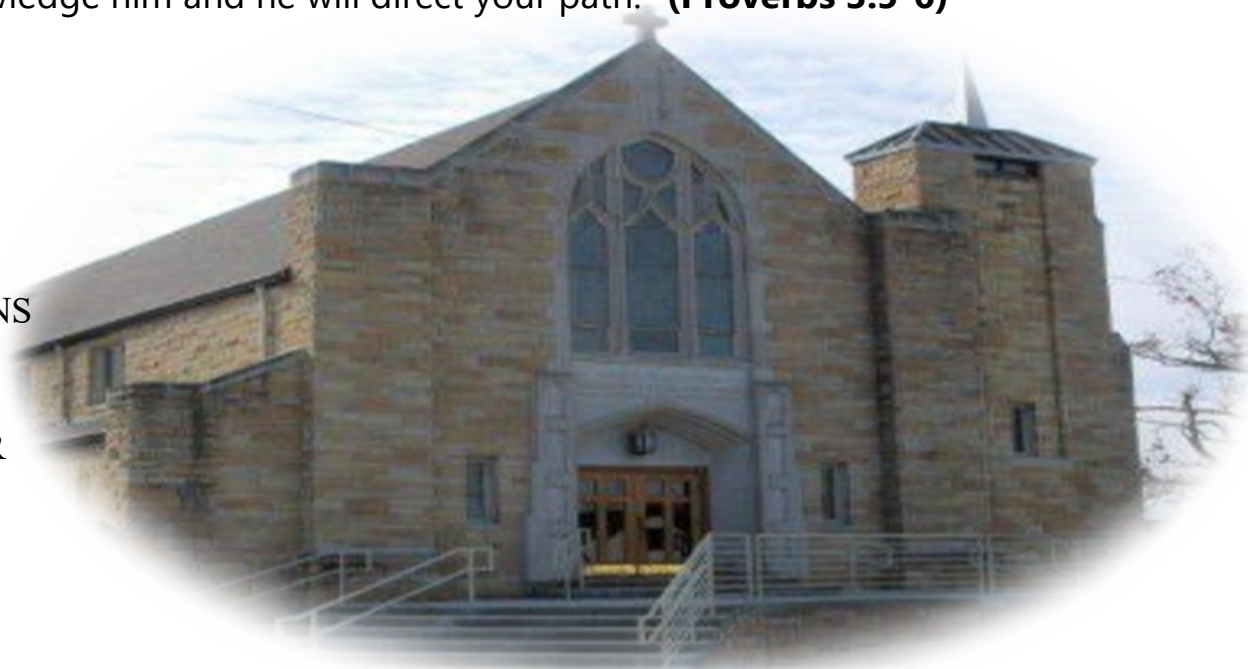
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16 January 2022

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Mapleton, IA
Isaiah 62:1–5 / Psalm 128 / 1 Corinthians 12:1–11 / John 2:1–11

Sermon Title: Spiritual Gifts to Glorify God
Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

“Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father, and our LORD Jesus Christ.” (2 Tim. 1:2) Amen.

Our text for this morning is our Epistle lesson from First Corinthians chapter twelve. In this chapter, Paul is talking to fellow believers in Jesus about spiritual gifts. This is not an exhaustive list of spiritual gifts that God gives. God gives individuals specific gifts that will glorify God and will build up the congregation of Christ.

Just to clarify, spiritual gifts is not the same things as the Fruits of the Spirit. The Fruits of the Spirit are qualities that God grows in each believer, because the Fruits of the Spirit all glorify God and build up the congregation at large.

Spiritual gifts are specific to certain individuals. God knows that each Body of Christ—each local congregation—needs a variety of people to serve that congregation. The church needs only one maybe two pastors. That’s it. The church needs teachers, who can teach children, teen-agers and adults the truth from God’s Word. The church needs people, who will disciple other believers in living according to the Word of God.

But before Paul starts talking about some of the Spiritual Gifts that God gives different believers, Paul points out that everything a believer is capable of doing comes from God the Holy Spirit working in him. *“³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says ‘Jesus is accursed!’ and no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except in the Holy Spirit. ⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.”*

When you are baptized in the Name of the Triune God, and you confess with your mouth and believe in your heart that Jesus is Lord, then you are experiencing the work of God the Holy Spirit in your life. This is what we read in Luther’s Small Catechism: the Apostles’ Creed: the Third Article Meaning:

“I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.”

The Holy Spirit is the one, who creates faith in you through the Word of God. That might look like bringing you to listen to a Christian radio program that teaches the Bible or it could be Christian music that focuses on Jesus. The Holy Spirit also brings you to certain people, who He wants you to interact with—often with the intention of exposing you to Christians, who work in a variety of jobs and situations.

Sometimes when I'm out shopping, I wonder if the young man stocking shelves at Target or the middle-aged woman working as a clerk at Michael's is a believer in Jesus. Sometimes I wonder about the young woman with two little children in tow at HyVee—if she's a Christian, or the older man, who is sitting on a bench in Southern Hills Mall—if he's a believer in Christ.

God works through His Holy Word and through you and me and all people to share the hope we have in Jesus with someone else. And when Christians, who are living their lives and prompted by the Holy Spirit to respond or react or speak up in a certain situation, that's more evidence of the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

God gives individual believers specific gifts that will glorify God, and build of the Body of Christ, but Paul points out that God does give EVERY BELIEVER the same spiritual gift: *"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."*

Paul points this fact out elsewhere in the New Testament. God the Father gives every believer the gift of the Holy Spirit to help every Christian grow in his or her faith. This is how the Apostles' Creed: the Third Article is explained—that the work of faith and growing of faith happens, because the Holy Spirit is working in you.

⁸For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills." (1 Corinthians 12:8-11)

So let's look at this list a little closer to see how the Triune God equips all believers with Spiritual Gifts that will glorify God and build up the Body of Christ. *⁸For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,"*

First, Paul talks about the Holy Spirit giving *"the utterance of wisdom"* or *"the word of wisdom"* and the Holy Spirit giving the gift of *"the utterance of knowledge"* or *"the word of knowledge."* These two gifts sounds similar, and they are to some extent, but there is a difference. When the Holy Spirit gives *"the utterance of wisdom"*, he is giving the person *"the wise application of the Christian faith to another person's spiritual need."* (*Concordia Commentary 1 Corinthians* by Gregory J. Lockwood. Concordia Publishing House © 2000, p. 421)

When the Holy Spirit gives the gift of *"the utterance of knowledge"*, he is giving the person the ability *"...of telling the basics of the Christian faith, which imparts knowledge of God (cf. Gal. 4:9)"* (*Concordia Commentary 1 Corinthians* by Gregory J. Lockwood. Concordia Publishing

Both gifts—“the utterance of wisdom” and “the utterance of knowledge”—have in common “...the ability through God’s Word to offer the ‘counsel and help’ of the Gospel ‘through the mutual conversation and consolation of brethren.’” (*Concordia Commentary 1 Corinthians* by Gregory J. Lockwood. Concordia Publishing House © 2000, p. 421)

“...to another faith by the same Spirit...” Here Paul is talking about “a greater measure of faith, as displayed, for example, by the Syro-Phoenician woman (‘O woman, great is your faith.’ Mt. 15:28) in contrast to the disciples, who faith often was weak.” (*Concordia Commentary 1 Corinthians* by Gregory J. Lockwood. Concordia Publishing House © 2000, p. 422)

“...to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit to another the working of miracles...” Here Paul is talking about God working through believers to heal another person and in so doing to perform a miracle. All miracles are performed by the work of the Holy Spirit in all believers. The apostles healed a couple of people—as recorded in the New Testament. And really, any situation in which believer prayed for another person, and that person was healed or the requested thing happened—all that is considered a miracle from God.

“...to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits...” When Paul talks about prophecy and distinguishing between spirits, he’s talking about the same area of ministry. “Prophecy is paired with the gift of ‘discernings of spirits (12:10). That this means the ability to distinguish between true and false prophecies is demonstrated by 1 Jn. 4:1-3. John urges all Christians to test the spirits’ because of the danger of being taken in by false prophets (see also Mt. 7:15-23).” (*Concordia Commentary 1 Corinthians* by Gregory J. Lockwood. Concordia Publishing House © 2000, p. 424-5)

“...to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.” When Paul is talking about ‘various kinds of tongues’ and ‘interpretation of tongues’ he’s talking about the ability of believers to share the truth of God’s Word in a variety of languages spoken around the world. In Acts chapter two, we see a situation in which believers from around the known world were gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. At that time, the apostles—equipped by the Holy Spirit—were given the ability to preach in a variety of languages.

“All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.” (1 Corinthians 12:11) Paul then ends this section of Spiritual Gifts to remind all believers that all Spiritual Gifts come from God alone. No one individually is able to create and nurture a specific Spiritual Gift in himself by his own will. God the Holy Spirit gives different believers different Spiritual Gifts that will glorify God and build up the church around him.

If you aren’t sure if you have a Spiritual Gift, pray and ask God to reveal that to you. Ask him to help you how to use your Spiritual Gift to glorify him and to build up the church. Seek the Lord while he may be found. Call upon him while he is near. To God be the glory now and forever. Amen.

Now, may the peace of God which transcends all understanding guard and keep your hearts in Christ Jesus. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The outreach ladies are asking if anyone has any extra pillows and blankets, size 4 XL slacks and 4 XL tops for a lady in our community that reached out to us for help. Please let Marilyn Hamann (712-870-1947) or Ramona Weber(712-883-2051) know.

Superbowl subs are in the planning stage, look for updates to come.

The bulletin will be looking different because a monthly **news letter will be started in February**, so watch for the changes. Please anyone wishing to support this newsletter are welcome to do this, the cost will be approximately \$35.00 if you want it to be in memory of a loved one or on an anniversary you are celebrating just contact the church office, like before it will be much appreciated.

January 29: **WINTER GAMES FAMILY FUNFEST**

Join us from 10:00A.M. to 2:00P.M. for some Family Winter Fun during the University Of Okoboji Winter Games. Events to include our renowned Ping Pong Tournament, Sledding, Inflatables, Yard Games, Face Painting, Hot Chocolate and S'mores, and Sleigh Rides (weather permitting). A meal will be available.

C = Communion

Elders

01-16-2022	C	Ryan Paulsen	712-840-0125
01-23-2022		Jeff Krusen	712-840-9821

Lay Readers

01-16-2022	C	Ryan Paulsen	712-840-0125
01-23-2022		Joe Hogan	712-420-0775

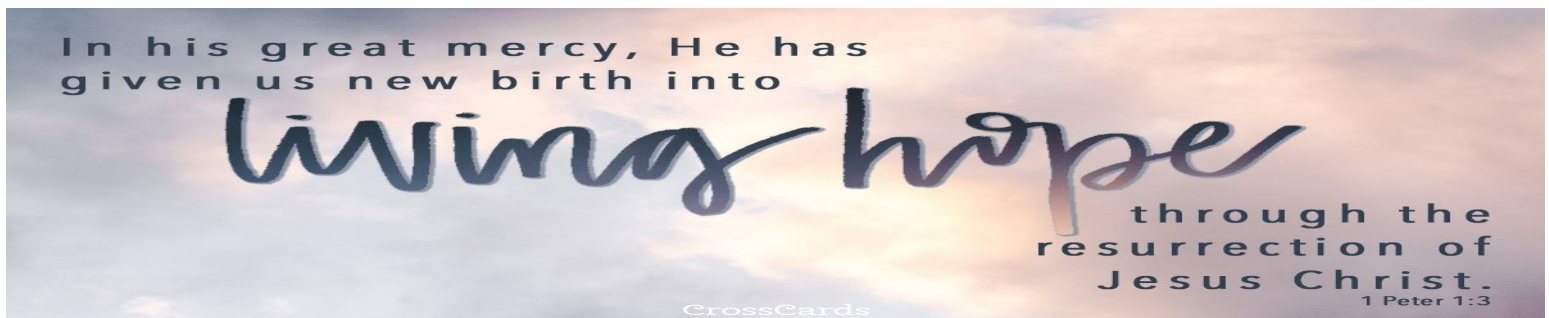
Screens

01-16-2022	C	Mark Witzel	760-500-8902
01-23-2022		Dennis Muckey	712-840-6914

Altar Guild

01-02-2022	C	JANUARY	
01-09-2022		Amy Meseck	712-269-8939
01-16-2022	C	Brenda Brown	712- 880-1502
01-23-2022		Janeal Holmes	712-899-8095

LCMS Memory Verse for the Week of January 16, 2022 1 Peter 1:3



	<u>Week of Schedule 01-17 to 01-23</u>
Mon 17	Kapfer Symposium St. Paul Carrol 8am-4pm
Wed 19	Confirmation Class 6:00 pm
Fri 21	Pastor's Family Day
Sun 23	3rd Sun. after Epiphany Services 9:30 am w/HC Elder: Jeff Krusen Reader: Joe Hogan Screens: Dennis Muckey Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Bible Class 10:45 a.m.

Needed per Week	\$3,225.02
Church offering 01-09-22	\$3,104.25
Church attendance 01-09-22	37
Bible Class 01-09-22	11
Sunday School 01-09-22	4C /1T
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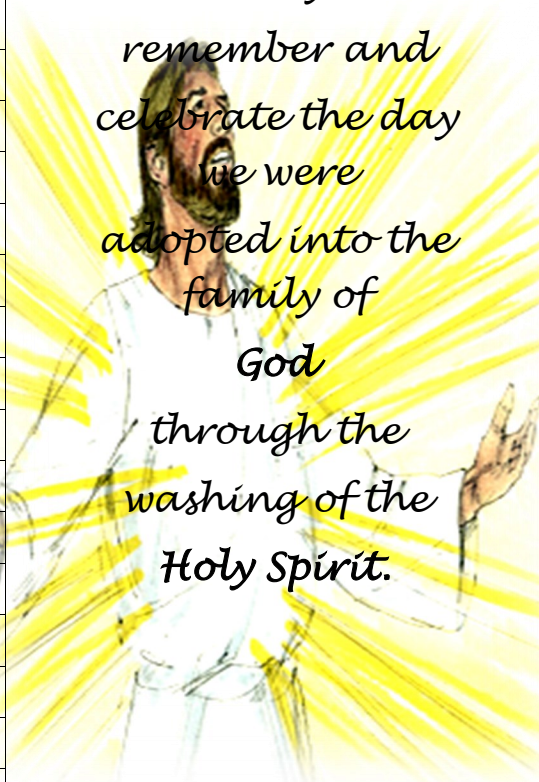
JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Robert Andre	Jan 17, 1947
Virgil Gronwoldt	Jan 03, 1961
Judy Kuehl	Jan 23, 1945
Melinda Namanny	Jan 25, 1958
Tari Miller	Jan 07, 1994
Zachary Arndt	Jan 17, 1990
Kaylee Brodersen	Jan 31, 2005
Jessica Bruhn	Jan 14, 1986
Joshua Creswell	Jan 04, 1984
Shelby Davis	Jan 27, 2002
Derek Frahm	Jan 28, 1988
Kevin Goslar	Jan 22, 1972
Marshall Goslar	Jan 31, 1973
Katelynn Hamann	Jan 01, 1992
Misty Hinrickson	Jan 02, 1973
Scott Jacobson	Jan 19, 1975
Eric Jacoby	Jan 02, 1975
Berdina Jochims	Jan 14, 1953
Christopher Jochims	Jan 12, 1976
Sharon Kruse	Jan 11, 1954
Aaron Krusen	Jan 22, 1972
Eugene Means	Jan 09, 1947
Gavin Nevins	Jan 23, 1944
Jonathan Pickel	Jan 04, 1996
Derek Pithan	Jan 14, 2013
Emma Pithan	Jan 08, 2009
Gage Rotnicke	Jan 23, 2000
Scout Rotnicke	Jan 01, 1998
DeRae Schauer	Jan 15, 1986
Paige Schmidt	Jan 11, 2006
Troy Schmidt	Jan 27, 2009
Jeffrey Scott	Jan 03, 1969

Walk in Love
Be Kind to
one another, Be Positive!



We are listing
Baptismal
birthdays to
remember and
celebrate the day
we were
adopted into the
family of
God
through the
washing of the
Holy Spirit.



JANUARY BAPTISMS

Robert Andre	Jan 17, 1947
Eva Bridgeman	Jan 10, 2021
Hudson Bruhn	Jan 22, 2012
Presley Bruhn	Jan 10, 2010
Brenda Davis	Jan 15, 1972
Shane Davis	Jan 27, 1974
James Else	Jan 01, 1954
Robbie Frahm	Jan 31, 1988
Donald Fritz	Jan 21, 1973
Janeal Holmes	Jan 20, 1952
Caitlyn Jacobson	Jan 01, 2006
Natalie Jacobson	Jan 01, 2006
Ryan Jacobson	Jan 09, 1983
Berdina Jochims	Jan 31, 1954
Cindy Jochims	Jan 20, 1972
Erika McGrain	Jan 29, 1994
Melinda Namanny	Jan 22, 1989
Steve Pickel	Jan 07, 1973
Kurt Schmidt	Jan 04, 1981
Paige Schmidt	Jan 22, 2006
Selma Schrader	Jan 26, 1930
Nicholas Wood	Jan 03, 1988
Terrance Wood	Jan 03, 1988

80 + Birthday

Florice Dose	Jan 09, 1935	87
Carol Dose	Jan 22, 1934	88
Marlene Phillips	Jan 17, 1936	86
Roberta Conyers	Jan 25, 1936	86
Myrna Gosch	Jan 09, 1941	81

God's Blessings on your Wedding Anniversary

Dennis and Pam JAHN	Jan 05, 1975 47 yrs.
Christopher and Christina LaBoube	Jan 10, 2015 7 yrs.



Please Give the office a call

Before going to hospital
Private communion
Address or name changes
Death in the family
Birth of your baby
Making wedding plans





Please continue to pray for our church leaders.
"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

Romans 12:12

Pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17)



PRAYER WARRIORS— The prayer warriors desire to hear from you as to how they can pray for you. We have 14 prayer warriors. We welcome more men and women to join us. if you need prayer call **Alice Miller** phone number 712-880-2380.

Members of St. Matthew with Special Needs and Concerns

Nazaria Kaderabek
Selma Schrader

Carol Dose
Alan Bruhn

Myrna Gosch
Fred Fletcher

Melvin Schrader
Fern Jacobsen

Family / Friends of Members with Special Needs and Concerns

Ron Kraffle friend of Marla & Joe Hogan; **Lynn Smith** friend of Marla and Joe Hogan; **Jazmin Mauch**, granddaughter of Marla and Joe Hogan; **Jerri Haindfield** daughter of Marilyn & Duane Hamann; **Dis Reitz**, husband of Caroline ; friend of Kay Johnson. **Pam Clausen**, daughter of Fern Jacobsen; **Sharon Kuehl Henning** niece of Judy & Gary Kuehl; **Beth Weber**, cousin of Dean and



Those who serve in the military:

Triston Twedt (great-grandson of Alice and the late Keith Miller) serving with the Army @ Ft. Lewis, WA

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

Jackie Cardwell (niece of Jeff & Karen Krusen) serving U.S. Airforce in Omaha, NE

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

St. Matthew's Prayer List that are confined to their homes

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

Bonnie Banks 87 yrs. Jun 2, 1934

Main Street Apartments
516 Main Street Apt 2
Mapleton, IA 51034

Delores Boysen 82 yrs. Mar. 5, 1939

31153 Juinter Ave.
Hinton, IA 51024

Delbert Kroll 88 yrs. Jun. 1, 1933

815 Ring Street
Mapleton IA 51034

Phyllis Fick 93 yrs. Jun 3, 1928

Willow Dale Care—Assisted Living
404 1st St.
Battle Creek, IA 51006

George Koithan 89 yrs. Sept. 2, 1932

Sunrise Ave.
Maple Heights Nursing Home 51034

Carol Dose 87 yrs. Jan. 22, 1934
Sunrise Ave.

Maple Heights Nursing Home
51034

Myrna Gosch 80 yrs. Jan 9, 1941

Pleasant View Care Center
200 Shannon Dr. Rm #108
Whiting, IA 51063

Melvin Schrader 95 Oct. 29, 1926

21 Ohm Drive
Mapleton, IA 51034

Selma Schrader 92 yrs. Nov. 12, 1929

21 Ohm Drive
Mapleton, IA 51034

Our prayer List

Nazaria Kaderabek

310 S. 6th St.

Mapleton, IA 51034

Fern Jacobsen

Main Street Apartments

516 Main Street Apt 3

Mapleton, IA 51034

Alan Bruhn

14535 Walnut Ave

Mapleton, IA 51034

Sharon Kuehl Henning

312 Highcroft

Window MN 56101

Cecil, Fred Fletcher

1225 B Ave.

Danbury, IA 51019

*Spread the Fruits of the Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace,
 Patience, Gentleness, Kindness, Self-Control,
 Goodness, and Faithfulness. You will be rewarded!*



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Worship time: Sunday



9:30am Worship Service

10:45 Bible Class

10:45 Sunday School

In His Footsteps:

Meet each new day
knowing that God is
by your side and will
lead you every step
of the way.

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 Camp Okoboji – 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, I know there is a place inside of us that is for Jesus only, a place in our spirit and soul that no one and nothing can block —as long as we're looking and listening for Him. Jesus knows just how to reach each one of us. If we listen for Him knocking on the door of our heart and open it to Him He will come in and be with us. Please Lord help us how to listen. Amen