

"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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Transfiguration Sunday / 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany (Valentine's Day) 14 February 2021

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Mapleton, IA rodus 34:29–35 / Psalm 50:1–6 / 2 Corinthians 3:12–18; 4:1–6 / Mark 9:2–9

> Sermon Title: Does a Veil Prevent you from Seeing Jesus? Sermon Text: Exodus 34:29-35

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

Today is Transfiguration Sunday. It is the last Sunday in the Epiphany Season. This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and begins the Lenten Season. Transfiguration Sunday focuses on the time in the Gospels when Jesus was standing on *"a high mountain"* with three of his disciples.

While Jesus and the three disciples were standing on the mountain, "Jesus shone with the glory of his divine nature, which otherwise had been veiled." (Lutheran Study Bible note for Mark 9:2) Scripture tells us that Jesus was shining so bright that "*his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them.*" (Mark 9:3)

Jesus had been transfigured—he was showing those three men his divine glory—a truly remarkable event to experience. The Gospels tells us that along with the three disciples, the Prophet Elijah and Moses were also present with Jesus on that mountain.

The Prophet Elijah is considered an outstanding prophet throughout history. When we look at all the prophets throughout the Scriptures, Elijah symbolizes all prophets. Moses is considered the Great Lawgiver. When we think about the Law and the Gospel, Moses symbolizes the Law.

So, the Prophet Elijah and Moses were also present with the three disciples when Jesus presented himself in his divine glory and majesty—when Jesus was transfigured. Today, though, I'd like us to look how Scripture talks about Moses and his experience being in the presence of God Almighty.

We jump back to Exodus chapter 34, and read that God called Moses to come up onto Mount Sinai. On Mount Sinai God said he would meet Moses there and give him the Ten Commandments. <sup>29</sup> When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup> Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him." (Exodus 34:29-30)

The first thing notable thing in this Old Testament lesson is that Moses "had been talking with God." Now, maybe you think that isn't remarkable. Maybe you think, sure God and Moses had a very close relationship. Moses and God talked to each other all the time.

And maybe you remind me that you're not Moses and you don't have that same close relationship that Moses and God had. But you CAN have that same close relationship. When Scripture tells us that Moses "had been talking with God," it means the same when you and I pray to God—we are also talking with God. After all, that's what prayer is—simply talking to God.

Moses did have one experience most of us don't ever have—sit in God's presence and talk with him face to face—as a man talks to another man. But just because you and I haven't had the opportunity to sit and talk with God face to face doesn't mean that we can't have the same close relationship with God that Moses had.

You can have that same close relationship that Moses had. Pray. Sure, that sounds too simple, but it isn't. In fact, praying is the best way to just talk with God. Praying is how you develop a close relationship with God. Also, read or listen to God's Word regularly so that you know what the truth really is. When you dig into God's Word—chew on passages—pray about different passages—then you will be nurturing that close relationship with God.

So God called Moses to come up to the mountain where God gave Moses two stone tablets on which God had written the Ten Commandments. These Ten Commandments became the basic foundation for living a life that is pleasing to God. The Ten Commandments are ways that we can follow the First and Second Greatest Commandment—Love God and love your neighbor.

Because Moses had this awesome experience of being in God's presence, a peculiar thing happened—his face was glowing. <sup>29</sup> When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup> Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him." (Exodus 34:29-30)

The people saw Moses and they saw that his face was glowing, and that would be weird. So it's not surprising that this is what they did: *"they were afraid to come near him."* You'd also be afraid to come near to Moses if his face was glowing. Normal people—their faces don't glow. But Moses; face did. When he would go and talk with God face to face, he would come back down the mountain and his face would be glowing.

Moses had been in the presence of God, and now the people are seeing "a reflection of the divine glory" which "was too much for sinful people to bear." (Lutheran Study Bible note Ex. 34:30) Moses goes up the mountain, and talks with God. He comes down the mountain and God's radiance is now showing in Moses' face.

The people know that Moses has been in God's presence, and the fact that his face is now shining is too much for them. They recognize that they are sinful human beings and cannot be in God's presence—let alone be in the presence of Moses, whose face is shining, because of God.

<sup>(31</sup>But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. <sup>32</sup> Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup> And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face (2 Cor. 3:13)."

So, after Moses would come down from the mountain and his face was still shinning, because he had just been in the presence of God Almighty, Moses would gather the people around him and tell them all that God told him.

This is what happens in worship every Sunday. The pastor preaches God's Word—and spends a little time during the worship service expounding on one of the Bible texts. The pastor

shares with the people what God wants them to know. This is what Moses did.

Now, granted, no pastor today is like Moses. No pastor has ever had the opportunity to sit in God's presence and talk with him face to face—like a man talks to another man. But every pastor has the opportunity every week to tell the people what God's wants them to know.

But unlike Moses, when the worship service is ended, the pastor does not need to put a veil over his face to keep people from being afraid of the pastor's glowing face. The pastor's face isn't glowing at the end of worship. Moses, on the other hand, had to put a veil over his face. After every time that he would come back down the mountain and tell the people what God wanted them to know, Moses would put a veil over his face.

<sup>(34</sup> Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, <sup>35</sup> the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him." (Exodus 34:34-35)

This was the routine. Moses would go up the mountain and talk with God. Moses would come back down the mountain—his face still glowing—gather all the people, and tell them what God wanted them to know. Then, because the people did not want to be around Moses, and be in the radiance of God's presence, Moses put a veil over his face.

Paul talks about Moses putting a veil over his face in order to conceal God's radiance—his presence—in Second Corinthians chapter 3: "<sup>12</sup> Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, <sup>13</sup> not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. <sup>14</sup> But their minds were hardened (Mark 6:52). For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away.

<sup>(15</sup>Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. <sup>16</sup>But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit." (2 Corinthians 3:12-18)

Paul says that today some of us, who believe in God, can still have a hardened heart towards the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Moses put a veil over his face, because the people couldn't stand be in the presence of Moses, whose face was shining, because God's presence was being reflected on Moses' face.

Paul says that today, some people still read the Scriptures, and think that they understand, but in reality, they don't understand anything. This is why Paul says that some people still read the Old Testament and yet their hearts are hardened—in effect, those people still have a veil over their heart, because they don't want to see God's radiance—God's presence reflected in their lives.

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But Paul offers some hope and encouragement in the next couple of verses: <sup>16</sup> But when one

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When you turn to the Lord—when you confess your sins and receive God's gracious forgiveness—then you are saying that you desire to do things God's way—you desire to live the way God wants you to live—and this is what it means to *"turn to the Lord"*—acknowledging that God's ways are the best ways.

So when you turn to the Lord, then the Holy Spirit has plenty of opportunity in you to work. The Holy Spirit will then remind you of all that God has to say to you in his Word. "<sup>18</sup> And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit."

And this is what we are. We are children of God, who have been redeemed by the shed blood of Jesus. As we continue to read or listen to God's Word—as we continue to seek a deeper relationship with God—then we are slowly being transformed into the image of Jesus. It's a process, but it is a worthwhile process. Come to Jesus all who are weary and burdened and he will give you rest. Amen.

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

Our Sympathies and prayers go out to Kathy Trucke's family. Kathy went to be with Jesus on 02-12-21 Visitation will be at the Armstrong Van-Houten Funeral Home in Mapleton on 2-18-21 from 3-5 p.m. and a Service will be at 5 p.m. at the Funeral Home.

May they find comfort in John 11:25-26, "*I am the resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.*"

Give the office a call or the Pastor	Need a ride to a Dr's appt	Need of a visit
Before going to hospital	Address or name changes	Birth of your baby
Private communion	Entering armed services	Making wedding plans
Desire to serve your Lord through the Church	Death in the family	-

### "SUBMITTING TO GOD IN PRAYER"

Lent 2021

Ash Wednesday, February 17— Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021



This Lenten season I want us to dig into the Scriptures to see what God says about prayer. God invites us to pray and he always hears our prayers. Just because God does not answer your prayer immediately the way you want does not mean God isn't listening or has stopped caring. On the contrary. God always hears our prayers, and he answers them when he knows it will be best for us.

When we pray, God invites us in a regular, on-going conversation in which we learn more about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. When we pray, we acknowledge that God truly knows best for every area of our lives—even the areas that we think are kept secret from God.

I invite you to join us for regular Sunday worship services at 9:30 a.m. along with our Wednesday evening services at 7 p.m. in which we will chew on a portion of Scripture that talks about people, who are actually praying.

In addition, I would like to invite you to join us for "A Lenten Hymns and Prayer Service" on Thursday afternoons at 4 p.m. During that service, we'll sing a bunch of great Lenten hymns and also pray throughout the service. The sermon will be replaced with a short devotional thought.

The hymn that we'll sing a lot during this Lenten Season is titled "What God Ordains Is Always Good." It's got a great message that will remind us every week the importance of submitting to God in prayer. Here is the first verse from that hymn:

> "What God ordains is always good; His will is just and holy. As He directs my life for me, I follow meek and lowly.
> My God in deed in every need Knows well how He will shield me; To Him, then I will yield me." (Lutheran Service Book #760 verse 1)

Also, during this Lenten season, I would like to invite you to join us in the adult Bible class right after worship each Sunday. We'll be studying the Book of James. The study will be a great time to learn more about the importance of prayer in every part of our lives.

I know a lot of people, who don't want to attend the adult Bible class, and they give me a lot of reasons why they can't. I want to challenge you this Lenten season to try something different. There are six weeks of the Lenten season, and this includes Holy Week. I want to challenge you to attend all six Sundays during Lenten.

Think of attending adult Bible class like giving up something for Lent. Some people give up eating chocolate during Lent. Some people fast and skip one meal each day. Some people also ADD something to their daily life like reading or listening to the Bible five minutes more each day. Think about attending adult Bible class like adding something to your daily life during Lent.



## The Forty-Day Lenten Bible Reading Plan Feb. 17 —March 27, 2021

Forty-Day Lenten				
Bible Reading Plan				
Feb. 17March 27, 2021				
DAY	TOPIC			
1	Genesis 1-2			
2	Genesis 3			
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4	Gen. 21:1-7, 22			
5	Exodus 3-4			
6	Exodus 20			
7	Joshua 1			
8	1 Samuel 16-17			
9	1 Kings 3; 8:1-9:9			
10	1 Kings 18			
11	2 Kings 25			
12	Daniel 2-3			
13	Ezra 3			
14	Isaiah 9, 53 & 61			
15	Luke 1-2			
16	John 1:1-18			
17	Matthew 4:14-44			
18	Matthew 5-6			
19	John 3			
20	John 5			
21	John 11			
22	John 15			
23	John 17			
24	Matthew 26-27			
25	John 20			

Forty-Day Lenten				
Bible Reading Plan				
Feb. 17March 27, 2021				
TOPIC				
Luke 24				
Acts 2				
Acts 9				
Acts 16				
Acts 26				
Romans 3				
Romans 7-8				
1 Corinthians 13				
1 Corinthians 15				
Galatians 5				
Ephesians 6				
Phil. 1:18-2:18				
Col. 3:1-17				
James 1				
Rev. 21-22				

Lent is a season in the church year in which we take 40 days to prepare for the life, suffering, death AND resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

One way to prepare for Holy Week and finally Easter / Resurrection Sunday is to fast from one meal or for a whole day. You can then spend that time of fasting by praying and reading your Bible.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

When it snows and church is canceled due to unfavorable conditions, we will publish it on St. Matthews Facebook page, KTIV channel 4, on St. Matthews web page, everyone that has e-mail will receive an e-mail, if you want to be texted you will have to give the office your cell phone number, if you preferred to be called let the office know your phone number (landline, or cell phone), you may call the church office, but please do not tell us on Sunday morning, this is our time to worship also. Please call the church office with this information (leaving a message) or slip a note under our door, so we do not forget. Thank you.

#### NEWS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

During Lent we will have 'Lenten Hymns & Prayer Service' on Thursdays at 4 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to draw closer to our Lord through prayer and meditation, along with won derful Lenten-themed songs. This service is in addition to our regular traditional Lenten services on Wednesday at 7 pm.

The Board of Property led by Mr. Ken Kruger wants to remind us all that the board is always Inneed of help with snow removal. Reminder that this task is not just a burden that falls on the few Property Board members. In our best Christian Spirit of brotherly love and helpfulness, we need to seek out where we can help to make a difference. Ken reminds that he could use help with shoveling and sweeping off the front steps and walkways, as well as donated use of snow blowers and even skid loaders and tractors with a loader to remove and pile up the large amounts of snow removed from the parking lots. See Ken Kruger for more information.

The Property Board is also looking ahead to Spring and even Summer (what a thought!). The cold will give way to warmth and heat, and the snow will recede, and up will spring the grass. Therefore, Ken wants to soon start building a list of those that can help with lawn mowing and edging (and weeding!). Let the Holy Spirit work inside you, please consider responding to this call to service. What a wonderful way to give service to the Lord, beautify our church, and join in brotherly toil with our fellow Christians. See Ken Kruger for more information.

We need to identify a few members to serve for a short duration with Pastor on a Call Committee. We are organizing a 'Call Committee' to identify potential leaders to run for certain open billets on the Board of Directors. The election will be this April at the Congregational Voters Meeting. Please see Mark Witzel or Pastor for more information.

### PARAMENTS ON OUR ALTAR:

<u>Color is everywhere</u>. Color is God's way of filling his world with beauty and giving pleasure to those who live in this colorful world. Christians, for centuries, have used color in divine worship to emphasize the redemptive action of God through his Son. Color's Purpose However, color and its bright message can easily be taken for granted or mistaken in its purpose. The paraments, vestments, altar clothes, banners, traditionally employed each Sunday, must be seen as more than an attempt to decorate, or give accent to the chancel. That is, no doubt, the view of some. It's true; interior design and decoration are important. But a greater service is demanded of our liturgical colors than merely making the surroundings "pretty." Furthermore, when altar paraments are used year after year without much attention given to their message, as well as their care, the pastor, along with his faithful altar guild would do well to throw away the key to the sacristy and refrain from using those altar cloth "decorations." Frequent instruction about the church year and its corresponding colors must go hand in hand with its weekly use

<u>**Color, like music</u>**, plays an important role in the life of God's worshiping people. Just as music is the "handmaiden to theology," liturgical color complements the message of the seasons and occasions during the church year. Taking a familiar seat in the nave of his/her chapel preceding worship on any given Sunday, the worshiper's emotions and intellect are immediately engaged by color. Liturgical colors aid in establishing a climate in which Law and Gospel may be heard and received. Color allows us to see the Light of Life, Jesus Christ. It serves to communicate the message of salvation. And communicate it does when it reinforces a specific "colorful" chapter in the life of our Lord and his church, retold annually by the church calendar.</u>

**Symbolism of Colors** It is appropriate, from time to time, to take a thoughtful and fresh look at the colors that are displayed throughout the church year. In the end, we admit, the use of paraments, vestments, altar clothes, banners is an adiaphoron. Even the symbolism behind the traditional colors is somewhat arbitrary and open to additional interpretations as generations pass. The primary source and guarantor of their meanings is tradition. However, the important thing to remember is why we retain this traditional liturgical standard. The value of the "Bg-BgsPwr" color scheme rests in their purpose: to serve God's worshiping community by assisting in communicating the holy faith from generation to generation. In every age, the beauty and symbolism of color in the church continues to serve us exceptionally well!

# White

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.

Douglas K. Escue—pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Originally published in *Lutheran Worship Notes*, Issue 29, 1994.

### **BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY**

Name		Baptism
Joan	Chandler	Feb 13, 1956
Brett	Davis	Feb 18, 1979
Florice	Dose	Feb 03, 1935
Kevin	Goslar	Feb 13, 1972
Marshall	Goslar	Feb 25, 1973
Mary	Greiner	Feb 23, 1958
Duane	Hamann	Feb 11, 1964
Bruce	Jacobson	Feb 03, 1949
Scott	Jacobson	Feb 16, 1975
Gene	Kaderabek	Feb 03, 1963
Joyce	Kruse	Feb 10, 1935
Emma	Pithan	Feb 15, 2009
Sheryl	Schelm	Feb 22, 1961
Jeffrey	Scott	Feb 09, 1969
Ernest	Witzel	Feb 05, 1937
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We are listing Baptismal birthdays to remember and celebrate the day we were adopted into the family of God through the washing of the

> Faith Step: To whom do you need to show grace today? Give that person the same grace that Jesus grants you.

# BIRTHDAYS

Montana	Brodersen	Feb 26, 2004		
Brayden	Brodersen	Feb 15, 2018		
Hadley	Bruhn	Feb 11, 2018		
Cooper	Bruhn	Feb 11, 2013		
Hunter	Goslar	Feb 26, 2016		
Bradley	Goslar	Feb 18, 1998		
Curtis	Hesse	Feb 07, 1962		
Bruce	Jacobsen	Feb 03, 1949		
Dennis	Jahn	Feb 12, 1947		
Pam	Kovarna	Feb 17, 1951		
Susan	Kruse	Feb 09, 1957		
Christina	LaBoube	Feb 17, 1981		
Taya	Ohlmeier	Feb 16, 2009		
Mindi	Ohlmeier	Feb 10, 1985		
Marley	Scott	Feb 25, 2008		
Zakary	Scott	Feb 04, 2001		
Megan	Weber	Feb 23, 1991		
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# God's Blessings 80 +yr. Birthdays

Mavis Skow	Feb. 08 1941_ <b>80</b>
Dick Thoreson	Feb 13, 1940 <b>81</b>



### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY God's Blessings

Zachery and Anna Goslar Feb 24, 2015 6 yrs.

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	Freda	Means	5	93	May 27,	1942	firm in _their
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FL	George	Koitha	an	88	May 20,	1945	yrs. and
	Ruth	Bruhn		88	Apr. 21,	1946	čountíng
Confirmation	John	Fick		88	May 19,	1946	
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SUNDAY ATTENDANCE 02-07-21			NA		Helpi	ng Hands, at 1:00 to 4 pm	
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Children in Church 02-07-21			NA	$S_{\rm Her}$ (21)		n 7 pm	
VISITORS 02-07-21			NA	Sun (21)	vices v	nday in Lent Church Ser- v/ Holy Comm. 9:30 am	
BIBLE CLASS 02-07-21			NA			Class 10:45 am	
SUNDAY SCHOOL 02-07-21			NA		Sunda	y School 10:45 am 10	

### Please continue to pray for our church leaders. "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." <u>Romans 12:12</u> <u>Pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17)</u>

**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	Carol Dose	Selma Schrader
Lavonne Witzel	Myrna Gosch	Alan Bruhn
Family / Friends of Members with	<u>cerns</u>	

Sheri Heilman– Sue Oberg's sister; Ron Kraffle friend of Marla & Joe Hogan; Lynn Smith friend of Marla and Joe Hogan; Jazmin Mauch, granddaughter of Marla and Joe Hogan; Penny Mauch friend of Marilyn & Duane Hamann; Tammy Jean Bramley, mother of Sam Kelm

### THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

**TristonTwedt** (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 @ Shepard Air Force Base, Burkburnett

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Dirk Radke (great grandson of Fern and the late Bob Jacobson serving in the Navy

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

<b>Bonnie Banks</b> 86 yrs. Jun 2, 1934 Main Street Apartments 516 Main Street Apt 2 Mapleton, IA 51034	** indicates a new address <u>Phyllis Fick</u> 92 yrs. Jun 3, 1928 Willow Dale Care—Assisted Living 404 1st St.	<b>Those on our prayer list:</b> Nazaria Kaderabek 310 S. 6th St. Mapleton, IA 51034
George Koithan 88 yrs. Sept. 2, 1932 1726 Marcella Heights Carroll, IA 51040 **Delores Boysen 81 yrs. Mar. 5, 1939	Battle Creek, IA 51006 <u>Carol Dose</u> 86 yrs. Jan. 22, 1934 Sunrise Ave. Maple Heights Nursing Home	Selma Schrader 21 Ohm Drive Mapleton, IA 51034 Sheri Heilman (Sue Oberg's sister) 1721 Lincoln Street Great Bend, KS 67530
3903 S.W. Hollowbrook St. Bentonville, AR 72712 Delbert Kroll 87 yrs. Jun. 1, 1933 Ring Street Mapleton IA 51034 Spread the Fruits of	Myrna Gosch 79 yrs. Jan 9,1941 Pleasant View Care Center 200 Shannon Dr. Rm #108 Whiting, IA 51063 He Spirit:	Tammy Bramley 42715 210th St. Ute, IA 51060 Lavonne Witzel 36252 Co. Hwy E 34 Castana, IA 51010

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Gentleness, Kindness, Self-Control, Goodness, and Faithfulness. You will be rewarded Jod is watching over you. I know because I asked Him to

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### LET'S STAY CONNECTED OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO CONTINUE TO FILL UP WITH JESUS BY

READING AND LISTENING TO THE BIBLE: <u>St. Matthew Lutheran Church Service</u> at 9:30 am every Sunday am at the church. <u>Facebook page-.St. Matthew Lutheran-Mapleton</u> Our services at 9:30 am every Sunday website: <u>www.stmatthewmapleton.org</u> – Our services posted weekly <u>Mission Central</u>... www.missioncentral.us Lutheran Family Service: www.lfsiowa.org WEB SITES: <u>Iowa District West</u>—www.idwlems.org <u>Camp</u> 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 <u>Lutheran Family Services</u>: wwwlofsiowa.org <u>MainStreet Living</u>— is a Television Program that is endorsed by the Iowa West District of the LCMS This program is broad-cast 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.



#### John 1:14

Dear Father, I thank You for the fulfilment of Your Word. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and they beheld His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. I thank You for Your divine pow-Our er that was seen here on earth, it is because of this that we can come together and celebrate You. I pray that we do not take Your power for granted and I pray that we truly understand Your greatness, Amen.