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Rev. Christopher LaBoube

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The Transfiguration of Our Lord

"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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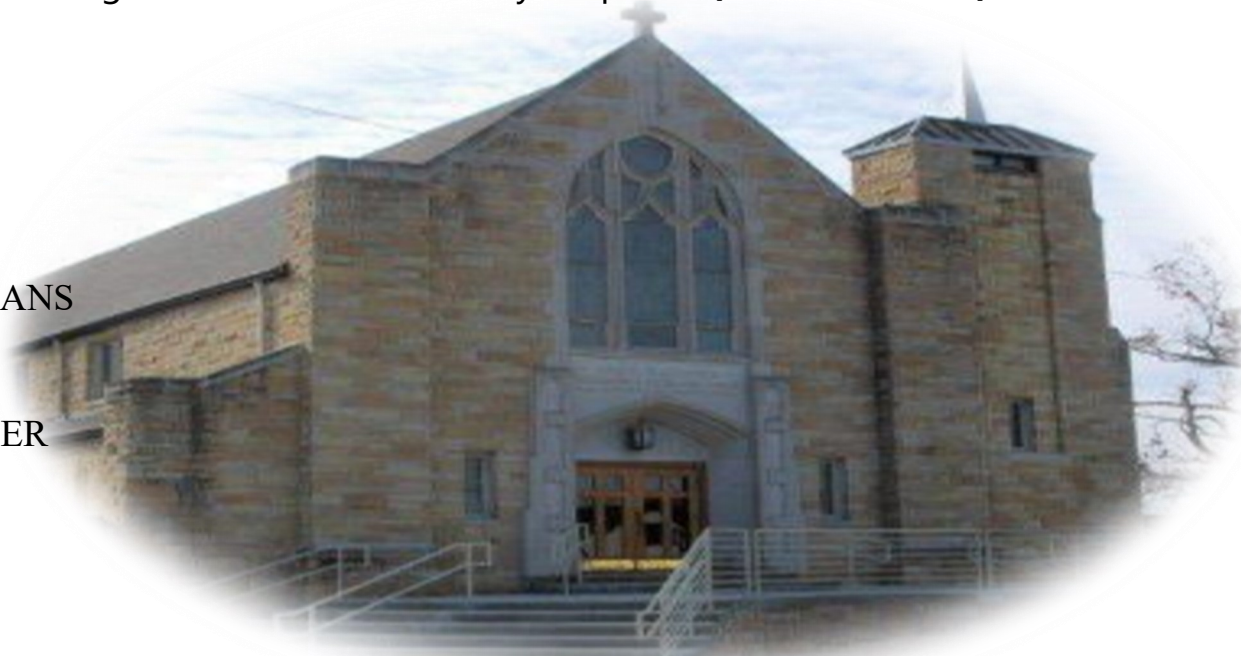
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Transfiguration Sunday
27 February 2022

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Mapleton, IA
Deuteronomy 34:1–12 / Psalm 99 / Hebrews 3:1–6 / Luke 9:28–36

Sermon Title: Jesus transfigured “...to fulfill all righteousness.”

Sermon Text: Luke 9:28-36

“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 of the Epiphany Season, which started back on January 6. This means that this coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday which begins the Lenten Season.

Transfiguration Sunday highlights one of two big events in the life of Jesus. The first event we celebrated at the beginning of the Epiphany Season, and that is the Baptism of Jesus. Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River by John in order “...to fulfill all righteousness.”

“Jesus submitted to John’s Baptism the same that sinners were undergoing, in order to affirm His identity with sinners and to provide them with perfect righteousness (2 Co 5:21).” (Lutheran Study Bible footnote for Matt. 3:15, p. 1582)

The second big event we celebrate today at the end of the Epiphany Season—Jesus being transfigured before three of his disciples. Our Gospel lesson from Luke chapter nine tells us what happened:

“²⁸ Now about eight days after [Jesus was teaching] he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰ And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹ who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah’—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!’ ³⁶ And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.” (Luke 9:28-36)

At the beginning of the Epiphany Season, we celebrated Jesus’ baptism, and today we celebrate his transfiguration before three of his disciples. At both events, we see all three persons of the Trinity. That would have been an amazing and wonderful experience.

The second awesome thing that happened was that while Jesus and his sleepy disciples were up on that mountain, suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared and started talking to Jesus. That would have been another surprising and amazing experience.

But the topic of the conversation that Jesus was having with Moses and Elijah is key to our text for today. *“And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah,³¹ who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.”* Moses and Elijah are talking with Jesus about his impending crucifixion and resurrection.

When people hear about Jesus and about Jesus dying, it can be a conundrum. Some people might truly believe in Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Some people might wonder if Jesus really died on a cross. These are questions that have caused some people to swerve from the true faith found in Jesus Christ as the Son of God Most High.

A couple of Sundays ago we talked about how important the resurrection of the dead is. If there is no resurrection of the dead, and then Jesus didn't die, then we will all perish in the absence of God. Of course, Paul goes on in this debate that the Scriptures clearly teach that there is a resurrection of the dead, and that Jesus really did die on a cross over two thousand years ago.

And our lesson today points out that the Old Testament Scriptures clearly teach us God the Father's plan of saving all of us from going to hell. This plan included God the Father sending his one and only begotten Son, Jesus, to live among us, and then to die for us, so that no one has to go to hell when he or she dies.

This is what Moses and Elijah were talking with Jesus about: *“...his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.”* Of course, you might wonder, why were these two specific men standing and talking with Jesus and his disciples? Why Moses and Elijah? Moses represents the Law, and Elijah represents ALL prophets throughout the entire Old Testament Scriptures.

Jesus and three of his disciples—Peter, John and James—were on the top of a mountain, and while they were there, Jesus' clothing became dazzling white. And while Jesus was glowing brightly, Moses and Elijah appeared and started talking to him. What were they talking to Jesus about? They *“...spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.”*

Jesus' departure? Moses and Elijah were talking to Jesus about Jesus' impending crucifixion and resurrection, which the entire Old Testament teaches. Moses and Elijah were simply talking about what the Bible says is going to happen to Jesus.

³² *Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.* ³³ *And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah’—not knowing what he said.”* (Luke 9:32-33)

Jesus had been praying, maybe a long time which is why the three disciples fell asleep. But they were quickly awakened by the events that were happening right in front of them. They wake up and see Jesus bright and shining—probably much like he was when he was in heaven. Then those three disciples see two other Old Testament prophets—Moses and Elijah—talking to Jesus about the Scriptures teach about Jesus' upcoming crucifixion for the sins of the whole world.

That would have been quite a lot to experience at that time. And yet, one more awesome thing happened right after this. ³⁴ *As [Peter] was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud.* ³⁵ *And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!’* ³⁶ *And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.”* (Luke 9:28-36)

Immediately the Trinity appears—in a cloud on the mountain top. In the Old Testament when a cloud appears, then God himself often appears. When Moses set up the tabernacle in the desert for the Israelites to worship God, God would appear in a cloud over the tabernacle. We see this the Book of Numbers:

“On the day that the tabernacle was set up, the cloud covered the tabernacle, the tent of the testimony. And at evening it was over the tabernacle like the appearance of fire until morning. So it was always: the cloud covered it by day and the appearance of fire by night.” (Numbers 9:15-16)

So here on the mountain, Jesus is standing with his three disciples, and then suddenly a cloud appears. *“...a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud.* ³⁵*And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!’*

As I said earlier, at Jesus’ baptism, the Trinity also appeared to Jesus, John and everyone, who was waiting to be baptized by John on the edge of the Jordan River. *“And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.’* (Matthew 3:16-17)

We start the Epiphany season looking at Jesus’ baptism. And now at the end of this Epiphany Season, Jesus gets transfigured—his clothing becomes dazzling white—and the Trinity also appears on a mountain top.

Both times that the Trinity is revealed is another reminder that everything that is written in the Bible is true. *“For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.”* (Romans 15:4)

The Bible teaches us all kinds of things—and all things point us to Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. When we read or listen to God’s Word every day, then you are able to grow more in the grace and knowledge of what Jesus has done for you—dying on a cross to give you eternal life. Praise the Lord oh my soul. Praise all his benefits to me. To God be the glory now and forever. Amen.

The peace of God which transcends all understanding guard and keep your hearts in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Beloved let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

1 John 4:7



<u>Please Give the office a call or the Pastor...</u>
Before going to hospital
Private communion
Address or name changes
Death in the family
Birth of your baby
Making wedding plans


<i>Elders</i>	C= communion	
02-27-2022	Duane Hamann	712-870-3450

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

<i>Lay Readers</i>	C= communion	
02-27-2022	Ryan Paulsen	712-840-0125

February

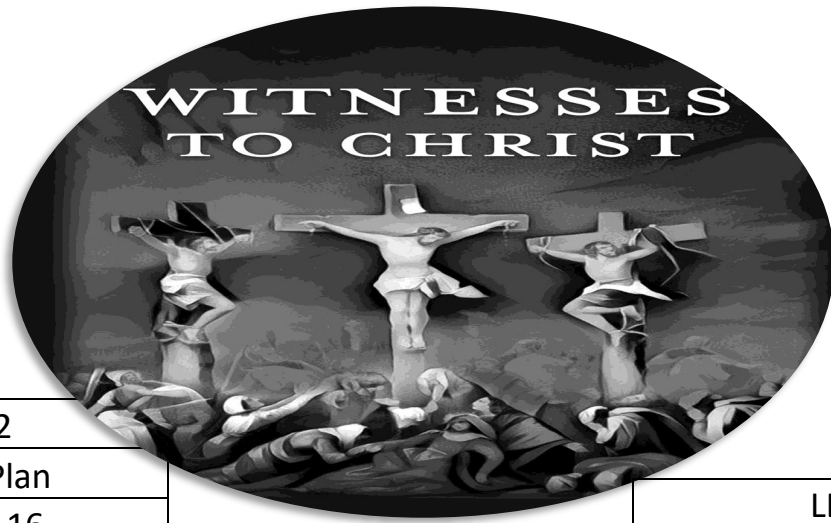
<i>Screens</i>	C= communion	
02-27-2022	Mark Witzel	760-500-8902

<i>Altar Guild</i>	
02-06-2022 C	Pam Kovarna 712-840-1662
02-13-2022	Shari Erlemeier 712-880-0354
02-20-2022 C	Janeal Holmes 712-899-8095
02-27-2022	

	<u>Week of Schedule 02-28 to 03-06</u>
Mon 28	Pastors Family Day
Wed 02	Confirmation Class 6:00 pm Helping Hands 1-4 pm Ash Wednesday Services 7pm Elder: Jeff Krusen Reader: Mark Witzel
Sun 06	1st Sunday in Lent Services 9:30 am Elder: Duane Haman 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 02-13-22	
Confirmation	
Church attendance 02-13-22	37
Bible Class 02-13-22	11
Sunday School 02-13-22	4
In The Word 03-03-22	





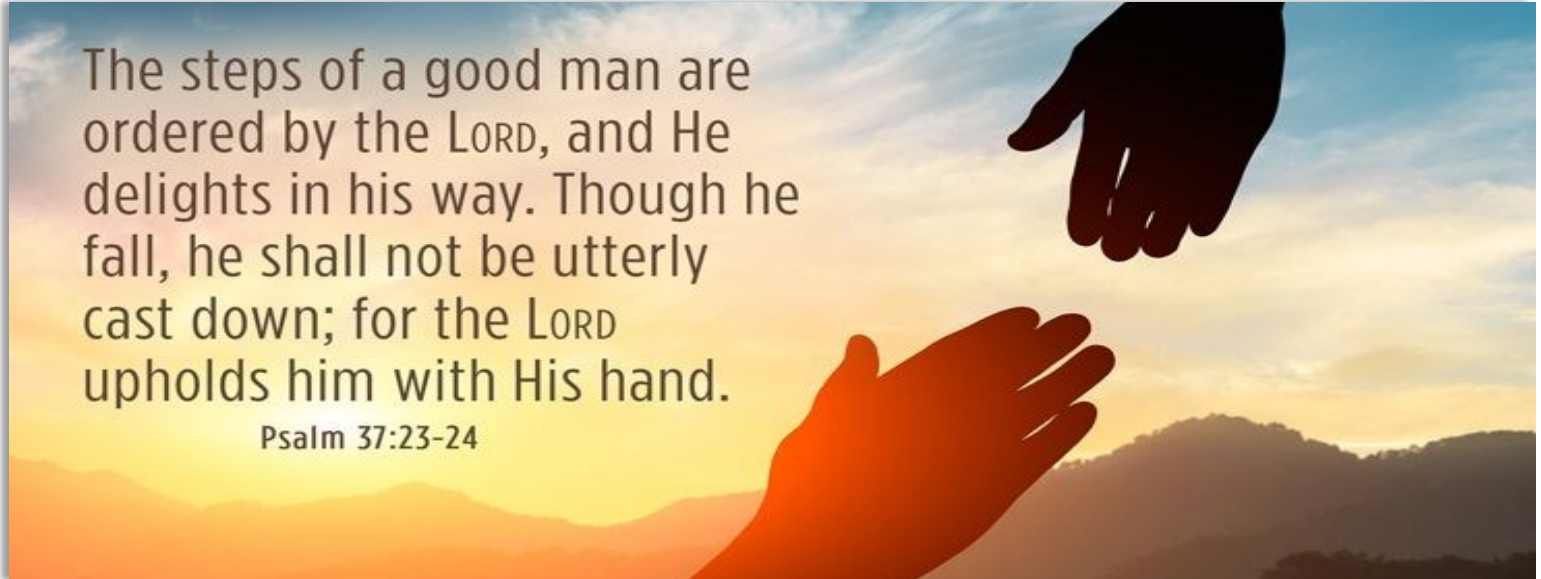
LENTEN 2022
Bible Reading Plan
March 2--April 16

Date	Psalm	John
Wed, 3-2	42	1
3/3/2022	43	2
4/3/2022	44	3
5/3/2022	45	4
Sun, 3-6	FREE	FREE
7/3/2022	46	5
8/3/2022	47	6
Wed, 3-9	48	7
10/3/2022	49	8
11/3/2022	50	9
12/3/2022	51	10
Sun, 3-13	FREE	FREE
03-14-22	52	11
03-15-22	53	12
Wed, 3-16	54	13
03-17-22	55	14
03-18-22	56	15
03-19-22	57	16
Sun, 3-20	FREE	FREE
03-21-22	58	17
03-22-22	59	18
Wed, 3-23	60	19
03-24-22	61	20
03-25-22	62	21
03-26-22	63	1-2

LENTEN 2022		
Bible Reading Plan		
March 2--April 16		
Date	Psalm	John
Sun, 3-27	FREE	FREE
03-28-22	64	3-4
03-29-22	65	5
Wed, 3-30	66	6
03-31-22	67	7
1/4/2022	68	8
2/4/2022	69	9
Sun, 4-3	FREE	FREE
4/4/2022	70	10
5/4/2022	71	11
Wed, 4-6	72	12
7/4/2022	73	13
8/4/2022	74	14
9/4/2022	75	15
Sun, 4-10	FREE	FREE
11/4/2022	76	16
12/4/2022	77	17
04-13-22	78	18
04-14-22	79	19
04-15-22	80	20
04-16-22	81	21
** Resurrection Sunday **		
This Lenten Season we're going to look at the different people, who interacted with Jesus. Some of the people had good motives and some people had evil motives. Join us as we check out the Witnesses to Christ.		

LCMS Memory Verse for the Week of February 27, 2022 Psalm 37:23–24

The steps of a man are established by the Lord, when he delights in his way; though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong, for the Lord upholds his hand.



Witnesses to Christ: People from His Passion

John tells us why he wrote his Gospel: *“Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name”* (John 20:30–31). Life! When we believe that Jesus is the Christ, God gives us life—abundant life, forgiven life, and eternal life.

This Lent, our life in Christ will be strengthened as we hear the witness of those in John’s Gospel who journeyed to the cross. Along the way, we’ll meet villains, such as Barabbas and Pontius Pilate, as well as sinners, such as Peter (who denied Jesus three times), Mary Magdalene (who was possessed by seven demons), and Judas Iscariot (who betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver).

The Lenten Season runs this year from Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022 through Holy Saturday, April 16, 2022. Resurrection Sunday is April 17, 2022 this year. Please join us for as many worship service opportunities as you are able. Please join us for worship as we hear the witness of these people in John’s Gospel:

Ash Wednesday: John the Baptist, John 1:29–34

Wed, March 9: Mary, the Sister of Lazarus and Martha, John 12:1–11

Wed, March 16: Malchus, John 18:1–11

Wed, March 23: Peter, John 18:12–27

Wed, March 30: Barabbas, John 18:33–40

Wed, April 6: Pontius Pilate, John 19:1–16

Maundy (Holy) Thursday: Judas Iscariot, John 13:21–30

Good Friday: John, the Gospel Writer, John 19:25–37

The Resurrection of Our Lord: Mary Magdalene, John 20:1–18

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

First	Last	Birthday
David	Bartels	Feb 24, 1949
Brayden	Brodersen	Feb 15, 2018
Montana	Brodersen	Feb 26, 2004
Cooper	Bruhn	Feb 11, 2013
Hadley	Bruhn	Feb 11, 2018
Kenneth	Carley	Feb 03, 1954
Robbie	Frahm	Feb 14, 1986
Donald	Fritz	Feb 05, 1972
Bradley	Goslar	Feb 18, 1998
Hunter	Goslar	Feb 26, 2016
Curtis	Hesse	Feb 07, 1962
Bruce	Jacobson	Feb 03, 1949
Dennis	Jahn	Feb 12, 1947
Steve	Johnson	Feb 06, 1947
Pam	Kovarna	Feb 17, 1951
Susan	Kruse	Feb 09, 1957
Christina	LaBoube	Feb 17, 1981
John	Melby	Feb 14, 1972
Kandis	Muhs	Feb 21, 1986
Mindi	Ohlmeier	Feb 10, 1985
Taya	Ohlmeier	Feb 16, 2009
Rodney	Pedersen	Feb 26, 1944
Stephanie	Schauer	Feb 16, 1983
Chelsea	Schrader	Feb 09, 1989
Marley	Scott	Feb 25, 2008
Zakary	Scott	Feb 04, 2001
Ryan	Trucke	Feb 03, 1994
Megan	WEBER	Feb 23, 1991
Nicholas	Wood	Feb 05, 1981
Robert	Wood	Feb 01, 1973
Kiana	Zawodny	Feb 05, 2011



*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.*

FEBRUARY BAPTISMS

First	Last	Baptism
Joan	Chandler	Feb 13, 1956
Joshua	Creswell	Feb 12, 1984
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
Harold	Hamann	Feb 11, 1964
Chana	Hinrickson	Feb 05, 1950
Bruce	Jacobson	Feb 03, 1949
Scott	Jacobson	Feb 16, 1975
Eric	Jacoby	Feb 09, 1975
Gene	Kaderabek	Feb 03, 1963
Joyce	Kruse	Feb 10, 1935
Eugene	Means	Feb 23, 1958
Jerry	Means	Feb 23, 1958
Jacob	Miller	Feb 16, 1992
Emma	Pithan	Feb 15, 2009
Sheryl	Schelm	Feb 22, 1961
Jeffrey	Scott	Feb 09, 1969
Ernest	Witzel	Feb 05, 1937

80 + Birthday God's Blessings

Mavis	Skow	Feb 08, 1941	81
Richard	Thoreson	Feb 13, 1940	82

God's Blessings on your Wedding Anniversary

Zachery and Anna Goslar	Feb 24, 2015 7yrs.
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Outreach Board Super Bowl Subs

We had all the Board of Directors at this fun raiser with Sarah in place of Dawn. And Chelsey and friend, Christa filled in for Marla, Property Board, volunteer Church Secretary, Board of Stewardship and Nazaria, all Board of Disciples, all of Outreach Board with a total of 20 people working. What fun. Thank you all for a fun filled day and fellowship. Thank you Mark for saying prayer and helping with info for Press. Thank you Karen Krusen for helping with all posters, tickets and taking pictures as well as taking phone calls for orders. Thank you to all the help on Saturday cutting up veggies and breads. Thank you Ramona for the running and calls you did as well. A BIG thank you for all taking the orders, we had 110 orders with approximately \$800 to \$900 after expenses. I prayed daily for a lot of help and God always helps us. GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME. Praise the Lord and I said a big thank you to God as well. Outreach Board Marilyn and Ramona



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
 Alan Bruhn

Carol Dose
 Fred Fletcher

Myrna Gosch
 Fern Jacobsen

Selma Schrader

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 at Ft. Lewis, WA

Ryan Trucke (son of Beth & Ed Trucke, Grandson of Kay and Richard Johnson) serving with U.S. Air Force at FE Warren AFB in Wyoming (wife and child are here). Ryan is at this address: Prince Sultan AFB, Saudia Arabia 378ECEF-CEOIU Unit 61362 APO, AE 09877 (here for only 6 months)
His birthday is Feb 3, send him a card!

Jackie Cardwell (niece of Jeff & Karen Krusen) serving U.S. Airforce at 17728 Margo St Omaha, NE 68136

Marcus Roupe serving in Cuba (nephew of Marilyn & Duane Hamann) PSC201 Box 6997 APO AE 09522

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

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

Selma Schrader 92 yrs. Nov. 12, 1929

21 Ohm Drive
 Mapleton, IA 51034
George Koithan 89 yrs. Sept. 2, 1932
 Sunrise Ave.
 Maple Heights Nursing Home
 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:
Faith is a gift from
God that will sustain
you and give you inner
peace and love and
this is priceless.
Show it to others.*

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 Jesus, Help me to focus on You and your living Presence and surround me with Your peace. Please let me find eternal security in You, *for you are the same yesterday, today and forever; I know this will instill meaning into my days. Help me to begin each day alone with you, step by step holding your hand and being totally dependent on you, because I know Jesus you will smooth out the path before me. I love you Jesus, Amen*

