



St Matthews Service

Rev. Christopher LaBoube
February 28, 2021

"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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Second Sunday in Lent
28 February 2021

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Mapleton, IA
1 Kings 17:1 / 1 Kings 18:16-40

Sermon Title: Expect a Change (God Acts)
Sermon Text: 1 Kings 18:16-40

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

We continue through this Lenten season looking at different passages of Scripture that focus on a person or people submitting to God in prayer. Today, we’re going to look at an event that the Prophet Elijah had experienced in which he expected a change—and God acted.

“Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, ‘As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word.’” (1 Kings 17:1)

The Prophet Elijah prophesied that for three years, there would be a drought—no rain would fall. It would be a difficult time for everyone, but especially for King Ahab. Scripture tells us that near the end of the Three-Year Drought, God tells the Elijah to go and talk with King Ahab.

Now, King Ahab was a nasty man. He caused and led the people of Israel to fall away from God. King Ahab did a lot of evil in God’s eyes. Some of his evil was caused by his marriage to a non-Israelite princess, who then led her husband—the king—to worship her national god instead of his God. King Ahab’s wife was Jezebel.

King Ahab supported his wife’s religious ideas—and in turn he allowed people to serve as a prophet of Baal and a prophet of Asherah. It was supporting and engaging in his wife’s religious activities that caused King Ahab to sin greatly against God.

King Ahab sinned against God, because he followed and worshipped the false gods that his wife worshipped. Throughout Scripture God tells us that turning people away from His—turning people away from Jesus—and turning to other false gods is the greatest sin. That’s why it’s number one in the Ten Commandments: *“You shall have no other gods before me.”*

So God tells us Elijah to go and talk with King Ahab. *“...And Ahab went to meet Elijah. ¹⁷ When Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, ‘Is it you, you troubler of Israel?’ ¹⁸ And he answered, ‘I have not troubled Israel, but you have, and your father’s house, because you have abandoned the commandments of the LORD and followed the Baals. ¹⁹ Now therefore send and gather all Israel to me at Mount Carmel, and the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel’s table.’” (1 Kings 18:16-19)*

“In order to prove to the king that he and his ‘father’s house’ brought divine judgement on himself and his apostate people, Elijah demanded a convocation of all Israel, including the ‘prophets of Ball.’” (Lutheran Study Bible, note for 1 Kings 18:19) So, the Prophet Elijah tells King Ahab that there’s going to be a big meeting on Mount Carmel. Everyone is invited and should attend. At this special meeting, everyone will be reminded of who God is. There was an urgency in Elijah’s voice. You don’t want to miss this particular meeting.

Surprisingly, King Ahab agrees. He tells everyone to attend a meeting on Mount Carmel which will be led by the Prophet Elijah. At times, this part of this event surprises me, because King Ahab was such an awful king that it's hard to believe that he would agree to anything that wasn't his idea. And yet, God led King Ahab to do what the Prophet Elijah instructed him to do.

²⁰ So Ahab sent to all the people of Israel and gathered the prophets together at Mount Carmel. ²¹ And Elijah came near to all the people and said, 'How long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him.' And the people did not answer him a word. ²² Then Elijah said to the people, 'I, even I only, am left a prophet of the LORD, but Baal's prophets are 450 men. ²³ Let two bulls be given to us, and let them choose one bull for themselves and cut it in pieces and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it. And I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood and put no fire to it. ²⁴ And you call upon the name of your god, and I will call upon the name of the LORD, and the God who answers by fire, he is God.' And all the people answered, 'It is well spoken.'" (1 Kings 18:20-24)

To begin the meeting, the Prophet Elijah tells the people that they have two options—to continue to believe in the false god, who they have named Baal, or they could return to the One True God, who talked with and interacted with their ancestors—all the way back to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Then, the Prophet Elijah gives instructions to the prophets of Baal to begin the meeting with a sacrifice. The prophets of Baal will offer a sacrifice to their god, and then Elijah will offer a sacrifice to the One True God—the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Everyone in attendance agreed this was a good way to start the meeting.

²⁵ Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, 'Choose for yourselves one bull and prepare it first, for you are many, and call upon the name of your god, but put no fire to it.' ²⁶ And they took the bull that was given them, and they prepared it and called upon the name of Baal from morning until noon, saying, 'O Baal, answer us!' But there was no voice, and no one answered. And they limped around the altar that they had made. ²⁷ And at noon Elijah mocked them, saying, 'Cry aloud, for he is a god. Either he is musing, or he is relieving himself, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened.' ²⁸ And they cried aloud and cut themselves after their custom with swords and lances, until the blood gushed out upon them (Lev. 19:28; Deut. 14:1). ²⁹ And as midday passed, they raved on until the time of the grain offering, but there was no voice. No one answered; no one paid attention.'" (1 Kings 18:25-29)

I really like this story about the Prophet Elijah and this meeting with all the Israelites and all the false prophets of Baal. Elijah tells the false prophets to go first. So, they pick a bull and prepare it. Then they pray—only it looks like a spectacular event.

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for he is a god. Either he is musing, or he is relieving himself, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened.'

The Prophet Elijah is mocking the 450 false prophets of Baal, because he knows that these men are making fools of themselves. The Prophet Elijah knows that Baal is a false god that doesn't really exist. He knows who the only true God is. This is why he pokes fun at these religious leaders.

Scripture tells us that this meeting started in morning, and the false prophets of Baal spent all morning and a big part of the afternoon dancing around and calling on their false god. Scripture tells us that... ²⁹*And as midday passed, they raved on until the time of the grain offering, but there was no voice. No one answered; no one paid attention."*

By the time that Elijah begins offering his sacrifice, it would have been late afternoon or early evening. It's likely that Elijah was making the repairs to *"the altar of the Lord that had been thrown down"* while the false prophets of Baal were calling out to their god.

³⁰*Then Elijah said to all the people, 'Come near to me.'* And all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that had been thrown down. ³¹*Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD came, saying, 'Israel shall be your name,' (Gen. 32:28; 35:10)* ³²*and with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD. And he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two seahs (about 7 quarts) of seed.* ³³*And he put the wood in order and cut the bull in pieces and laid it on the wood."* (1 Kings 18:30-33a)

So, Elijah repairs an altar that had previously been used to make a sacrifice to the One True God. He then does something that seems really weird considering he was going to make a sacrifice—he was going to burn up an animal on the altar.

"And he said, 'Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt offering and on the wood.' ³⁴*And he said, 'Do it a second time.'* And they did it a second time. And he said, *'Do it a third time.'* And they did it a third time. ³⁵*And the water ran around the altar and filled the trench also with water."* (1 Kings 18:33b-35)

That's strange. If you want to offer a sacrifice—burn an animal on an altar—you usually don't drown everything with water. That defeats the purpose. But this is what the Prophet Elijah did. He had some help pouring water over the entire altar and sacrificial bull THREE TIMES! At this point in the meeting, it sure doesn't look like things are going to go well for Elijah since his sacrifice is all wet!

³⁶*And at the time of the grain offering, Elijah the prophet came near and said, 'O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, and that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your word.* ³⁷*Answer me, O LORD, answer me, that this people may know that you, O LORD, are God, and that you have turned their hearts back."* (1 Kings 18:36-37)

After Elijah has someone help him pour water all over his sacrificial bull THREE TIMES, then the Prophet Elijah prays to the One True God. *"O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, and that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your word.* ³⁷*Answer me, O LORD, answer me, that this people may know that you, O LORD, are God, and that you have turned their hearts back."*

The Prophet Elijah knows who the One True God is, and he prays and asks God to make himself known. And God answers Elijah's prayer expecting a change—Elijah expected God to act. And God does respond.

“³⁸ Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. ³⁹ And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, ‘The LORD, he is God; the LORD, he is God.’ ⁴⁰ And Elijah said to them, ‘Seize the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape.’ And they seized them. And Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon and slaughtered them there.” (1 Kings 18:38-40)

So God answered Elijah's prayer—not to show everyone that Elijah was right—but to prove to the people, who had fallen away, who the One True God really is. Remember, at this point in the meeting and the sacrifices neither the false prophets of Baal nor Elijah had set anything on fire.

Then, God answers Elijah's prayer, and he sends fire from heaven that burns up the soaking wet bull offering, the wood, the stones and the standing water. God does this to remind the Israelites who the One True God is, and to show the false prophets, who the One True God is.

Then, Elijah, seeing that God has answered his prayer, and shown himself to everyone, who was at that meeting, takes authority in his hand. Elijah sees the people have repented of their sins and recognized what they had been doing—following a false god named Baal.

Then, Elijah does something surprising. *“⁴⁰ And Elijah said to them, ‘Seize the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape.’ And they seized them. And Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon and slaughtered them there.”* (1 Kings 18:40)

Now, why do you think God allowed Elijah to kill the 450 false prophets of Baal. Well, these false prophets were leading the people astray. These false prophets of Baal cause the people to break the First Commandment: *“You shall have no other gods before me.”*

So since God cannot be in the presence of sin, and since sin only is leading these people to turn away from God, God demands that anything that causes you to sin should be gotten rid of. Sometimes this included killing. So the Prophet Elijah commands the Israelites to kill the false prophets of Baal to rid the country of blatant sin that is completely opposing God and His Word.

The Prophet Elijah was sent by God to preach and teach about the One True God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. And this is what Elijah did. He preached and taught about the One True God to a people, who turned away from God and were following a false god.

The same thing happens today. When people stop praying to God—When people stop reading and listening to the Bible on a regularly basis—When people stop gathering for worship to receive from God all that he wants to give them—Then bad things happen.

People stop caring about God. People stop knowing God. And when people stop knowing God, then they get filled up with all kinds of lies spread throughout social media. We live in a day and age in which too many people have turned away from God and some of them have become violently opposed to God.

This is what the Prophet Elijah was dealing with. Too many Israelites had turned away from God and no longer knew him. But God does not want this for any of us. God wants all of us to be saved and come to the knowledge of truth found in Jesus Christ alone. Come to Jesus. He's waiting.

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

“SUBMITTING TO GOD IN PRAYER”

Lent 2021

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

The Lenten season is underway. Every worship service we look at a different person and how he submitted himself to God in prayer. Really, our whole lives should be about submitting to God in prayer in every situation.

In fact, this is what Confession and Absolution is all about. Confessing your sins—acknowledging that you have said or did something against God and against someone else. Then, receiving God’s gracious, life-giving forgiveness.

I want to encourage you to join us for as many of the worship services as you are able. Each worship service is an opportunity to receive from God all that he wants to give you.

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Thursdays at 4 p.m.

Since the theme for our Lenten season is submitting to God in prayer, we’re having a special worship time on Thursdays called “A Lenten Hymns and Prayer Service.” During this service we will sing a lot of great Lenten hymns, and we’ll also spend time praying. It will be a great opportunity to practice what we’re studying.

I would also like to invite you to join us in the adult Bible class right after worship each Sunday. Christina is leading a study on the Book of James.

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 attend every adult Bible class. It will be time well spent filling up with Jesus.

*“Humble yourselves before the Lord,
and he will exalt you.” James 4:10*



The Forty-Day Lenten Bible Reading Plan

Feb. 17 — March 27, 2021



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.

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.

Forty-Day Lenten Bible Reading Plan	
Feb. 17--March 27, 2021	
DAY	TOPIC
1	Genesis 1-2
2	Genesis 3
3	Gen. 15; 17:15-27
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. 17--March 27, 2021	
DAY	TOPIC
26	Luke 24
27	Acts 2
28	Acts 9
29	Acts 16
30	Acts 26
31	Romans 3
32	Romans 7-8
33	1 Corinthians 13
34	1 Corinthians 15
35	Galatians 5
36	Ephesians 6
37	Phil. 1:18-2:18
38	Col. 3:1-17
39	James 1
40	Rev. 21-22

PARAMENTS ON OUR ALTAR:

Color is everywhere. 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

Color, like music, 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.

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

Purple

Purple, like black, is a penitential color, in contrast to a festive one. It is appropriately used during Lent and, still in many parishes, during the season of Advent. The forty days of Lent, including the six Sundays that fall during this season, use this deep, rich color which has come to represent somberness and solemnity, penitence, and prayer.

Violet or purple was a very cherished and expensive color in the world Jesus lived. The dye used to make the color was painstakingly acquired by massaging the neck of a Mediterranean shell fish that secreted a special fluid. It was therefore afforded only by the rich and worn most exclusively by the royalty.

Jesus, the king of the Jews, wore a purple robe only once. As the soldiers mocked and tormented him, the Scriptures record they placed on him a "purple garment" in order to ridicule him and belittle the claim that he was a monarch.

Therefore, purple is used during this penitential season of Lent as a vivid reminder of the contempt and scorn he endured, and the subsequent sacrifice he made for our eternal salvation. Ecclesiastical purple should remind all Christians of their daily need to humbly give attention to leading a life of repentance.

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

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 NBC and on CBS 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 call on Sunday morning, this is our time to worship also. Please call the church office with this information or slip a note under our door, so we do not forget. Thank you.

A Big Thank you: In an attempt to not miss anyone, St. Matthews would like to thank everyone that has helped with the snow removal so far. Whether you scooped it yourself, or hired someone to do it, it is very much appreciated. You all will be rewarded in the end by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Hot Beef Lunch is being planned for Sunday, March, 21st from 11 am to 1 pm. Curbside service in front of the Beef & Brew, Sponsored by St. Matthew Lutheran Church. Phone orders need to be in by the 15th of March. Tickets will be sold at the back of the church also at all the banks in Mapleton, Kraft Clothing, Home Town Variety, City Hall, Press, Dollar General and Fiest Foods.

SOMETHING NEW IN THE EDUCATIONAL UNIT



In Memory of Marvin Kruse

Two large new doors have been installed closing off the steps leading to the basement in the educational unit which we no longer use and have to heat. The doors have been made by Ken Kruger with Leo Dose helping with installation. Marvin and Leo both as very young men helped with the building of the new St. Matthew Church. Marvin would be very proud of this new addition. This was given as a memorial to Marvin by his family. Please go down and see them.

	<u>Week of Schedule 03-01 to 03-07</u>
Mon (01)	Pastor's Family Day
Tues (02)	Board of Elders 7 pm
Wed (03)	Confirmation Class 6 pm to 7 pm Helping Hands, at 1:00 to 4 pm Lenten Service 7 pm
Thur (04)	Lenten Hymn & Prayer Service at 4 pm
Sun (07)	3rd Sunday in Lent Church Services 9:30 am w/Holy Communion Bible Class 10:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am

NEEDED /WEEK	\$3,225.02
Sunday Giving 02-21-21	\$595.00
Sunday Communion 02-21-21	11
Sunday Attendance 02-21-21	22
Wednesday Giving 02-24-21	\$475.00
Wednesday Attendance 02-24-21	11
Thursday Attendance 02-25-21	10
Children in Church 02-21-21	5
Visitors 02-21-21	9
Bible Class 02-21-21	7
Sunday School 02-21-21	0

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



BIRTHDAYS

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.

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

God's Blessings 80 +yr. Birthdays

Mavis Skow	Feb. 08 1941 80
Dick Thoreson	Feb 13, 1940 81

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY God's Blessings



Zachery and Anna Goslar	Feb 24, 2015	6 yrs.
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First Name	Last Name	Age	Confirmation
Melvin	Schrader	94	May 12, 1940
Phyllis	Fick	92	Apr. 27, 1941
Freda	Means	93	May 27, 1942
Deloris	Livermore	91	Apr. 25, 1943
Ferne	Jacobson	90	Apr. 05, 1944
George	Koithan	88	May 20, 1945
Ruth	Bruhn	88	Apr. 21, 1946
John	Fick	88	May 19, 1946

*They Stood
firm in their
faith 75 yrs.
and
counting*

Faith Step: What has Jesus been saying to you lately? Ask Him for a listening spirit.

<u>Give the office a call or the Pastor...</u>	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	

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
Lavonne Witzel

Carol Dose
Myrna Gosch

Selma Schrader
Alan Bruhn

Family / Friends of Members with Special Needs and Concerns

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

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 @ Shepard Air Force Base, Burkburnett TX

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.

Bonnie Banks 86 yrs. Jun 2, 1934

** indicates a new address

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

Phyllis Fick 92 yrs. Jun 3, 1928
Willow Dale Care—Assisted Living
404 1st St.
Battle Creek, IA 51006

Those on our prayer list:

Nazaria Kaderabek
310 S. 6th St.
Mapleton, IA 51034

George Koithan 88 yrs. Sept. 2, 1932

1726 Marcella Heights
Carroll, IA 51040

Carol Dose 86 yrs. Jan. 22, 1934
Sunrise Ave.
Maple Heights Nursing Home

Selma Schrader
21 Ohm Drive
Mapleton, IA 51034

****Delores Boysen** 81 yrs. Mar. 5, 1939

3903 S.W. Hollowbrook St.
Bentonville, AR 72712

Myrna Gosch 79 yrs. Jan 9, 1941
Pleasant View Care Center
200 Shannon Dr. Rm #108
Whiting, IA 51063

Sheri Heilman
(Sue Oberg's sister)
1721 Lincoln Street
Great Bend, KS 67530

Delbert Kroll 87 yrs. Jun. 1, 1933
Ring Street
Mapleton IA 51034

Tammy Bramley
42715 210th St.
Ute, IA 51060

Lavonne Witzel
36252 Co. Hwy E 34
Castana, IA 51010

Alan Bruhn
14535 Walnut Ave
Mapleton, IA 51034

Spread the Fruits of the Spirit:

*Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Gentle-
ness, Kindness, Self-Control, Good-
ness, and Faithfulness.
You will be rewarded*


God
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: St. Matthew Lutheran Church Service at 9:30 am every Sunday at the church. Facebook page-.St. Matthew Lutheran-Mapleton—Our services at 9:30 am every Sunday website: www.stmatthewmapleton.org—Our services posted weekly **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, Thank You Jesus for being our true friend always. You proved your love and friendship to us by sacrificing your life for us. Assure us that we can always come to You with our hurts. In your precious name, Amen