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First Sunday in Lent

"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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1st Sunday in Lent
6 March 2022

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Mapleton, IA
Deuteronomy 26:1–11 / Psalm 91:1–13 / Romans 10:8b–13 / Luke 4:1–13

Sermon Title: The Truth is Written in God's Word
Sermon Text: Luke 4:1-13

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

Last Sunday was Transfiguration Sunday. Transfiguration Sunday marked the end of the Epiphany Season. Transfiguration Sunday marked the time when Jesus *"...was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white."* (Luke 9:29)

Now, today, we see Jesus engaged in another spiritually-charged situation. *"And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness² for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.' And Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone."'"*

"And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, 'To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' And Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve."'"

"And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you," and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."'" And Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test."'" And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time." (Luke 4:1-13)

Here Jesus is enduring a lot! First, the Holy Spirit prompts Jesus to go out into the desert where he stayed for forty days. During those forty days, Jesus prayed and possibly meditated on God and His Holy Word. Scripture also tells us that during those forty days, Jesus was tempted by the devil to use his divine power for selfish purposes.

Jesus was in the wilderness *"for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry."* It's understandable that after fasting for forty days, Jesus was hungry, and it was at this human point that the devil begins tempting and taunting Jesus.

The devil saw that Jesus was hungry. He had been fasting and praying for forty days in the wilderness. So, the devil jumps right in to see if Jesus will bow to the devil's whims, and if Jesus will use his divine power to help himself. *"The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.' And Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone."'"*

Even though Jesus is probably really hungry, he sees right through the devil. Jesus doesn't give up and bow to the devil's whims to magically change a rock into bread. This is what the devil wanted hungry Jesus to do. Instead of turning a rock into bread, Jesus uses Scripture to respond to the devil. *"And Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone.""* In this response, Jesus quotes a passage from Deuteronomy chapter 8 verse 3 in which Moses wanted the Israelites to remember that everything they have comes from God.

When you are really hungry and need food RIGHT NOW, do you make good decisions? Probably not. Back in Genesis chapter 25, Jacob swindled his brother, Esau, and got Esau to give up his birthright as the first-born son.

The story goes that Esau had been out hunting and returned home exhausted. Jacob had just cooked some delicious-smelling stew, but Jacob wouldn't give his brother any food until Esau gave up his birthright as the first-born son. Esau was exhausted and made a poor choice, and gave up his birthright as the first-born son—all for a bowl of stew.

Making poor choices when you're really hungry—or when you're really angry—or when you're really hurting—often makes you regret what you said or did in the heat of the moment. This is why it's better to fill up with the Word of God, and then at least you'll have some foundational material to work with in the heat of the moment.

When the devil sees that tempting Jesus to turn a rock into bread didn't work, the devil tries another tactic. *“And the devil took [Jesus] up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, ‘To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.””*

The devil is trying to get Jesus to give in and use his divine power for a magic show for the devil. Jesus won't have any of it. The devil claims: *“To you I will give all this authority and their glory (of all the kingdoms of the world), for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will.”*

First of all, the devil talks to Jesus like the devil truly has all authority over every kingdom of this world. This is false. From Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells us: *“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”* (Matthew 28:18) And from First Corinthians chapter 15: *“For God has put all things in subjection under [Jesus'] feet.”* (1 Corinthians 15:27)

And just like last time, when the devil tried to tempt Jesus to turn a rock into bread, here this second time Jesus responds to the devil with Scripture. *“And Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.””*

Here Jesus is quoting from Deuteronomy chapter 6 verse 13 in which Moses is encouraging the Israelites to focus their entire lives on the One True God: *“Hear, O Israel,: The Lord our God, the Lord is one, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.”* (Deut. 6:4-5)

Jesus reminds the devil with Scripture the importance of following the First Commandment: *“You shall have no other gods before me.”* And the Small Catechism explains this further: *“We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.”* When Jesus reminds the devil that there is only one God, who is to be worshiped, Jesus again is using Scripture to make his point. This is the second time that Jesus uses Scripture to teach the truth which is contrary to what the devil is doing to Jesus.

The devil uses similar tactics to confuse and frustrate you and me and all believers. And yet, in the midst of being hungry, frustrated or angry, it is very possible with the help of God Almighty to make good, God-pleasing choices throughout the day. This is why it's important to know what the truth of God's Word is. Memorize portions of Scripture to keep those nuggets of truth in your heart and mind. When you know what the truth really is, then you won't be swayed by the devil or anyone else telling you stuff that isn't from God.

A third time, the devil tries again to see if he can get Jesus to act contrary to God's Word. *“And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,” and “On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.”’ And Jesus answered him, ‘It is said, “You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.”””*

Here we see the devil trying a third time to try and get Jesus to use his divine powers for selfish purposes. The devil is always uses a variety of tactics and sneaky paths to get you, me, Jesus and all believers to turn away from believing in the truth and instead believe a lie. The first time that the

devil tempted Jesus was after Jesus has been praying and fasting for forty days. The devil tried to get Jesus to turn a rock into bread, because the devil knew that Jesus—who is fully God and fully man—was really hungry. Instead, Jesus answered the devil with a nugget of truth from God’s Word that everything we have comes from God.

Then, the devil tried to make Jesus think that the devil was in charge of every kingdom on this planet, and if Jesus will just bow down and worship the devil, then the devil would allow Jesus to be in charge of every kingdom on this planet.

First of all, the devil is NOT in charge of any kingdom in this world. Jesus has complete authority over EVERYTHING and EVERYONE on this planet. The devil simply wants to get the hungry Jesus to act contrary to what the Bible teaches us about God.

Now, this third time, the devil is trying to get Jesus to jump off the highest point of the temple in Jerusalem. This time the devil even quotes part of Psalm 91. The devil does quote a part of Scripture, but the devil uses this part of Scripture to prove his twisted point.

The devil wants Jesus to jump off the highest point of the temple in Jerusalem, because Psalm 91 clearly says that if Jesus jumps off the highest point of the temple, then God the Father will instruct his angels to catch Jesus and keep him from breaking any bones. Of course, if Jesus jumped off the temple, that would be completely contrary to his nature. Jesus gives us examples to follow—examples that will glorify God and will help us grown in our faith.

And just as Jesus did in the previous two situations, Jesus quotes Scripture that actually teaches about this situation. Jesus doesn’t quote a Bible passage to try and make his point even if the Bible passage talks about the situation. *And Jesus answered him, ‘It is said, “You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.”’*

Here Jesus is quoting from Deuteronomy chapter six verse 16 in which Moses reminds the Israelites that they are to simply TRUST God completely, and to not put God to the test as though God has to prove something to them.

And then at the end of these three tests, our text tells us: *“And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.”* For the moment, the devil was done trying to tempt Jesus to act contrary to his nature. Our text tells us that the devil *“...departed from him until an opportune time.”*

The devil is constantly trying to get us to turn away from Jesus and to look at everything else in this world. In case we’re not sure if the devil is constantly on our heels, we *“...should look around to see whether [we are] still in the world, and remember that there will be no lack of sin and trouble, as the Scriptures [teach us.]”* Also, [we] *“...will certainly have the devil also around [us], who with his lying and murdering day and night will let [us] have no peace, within or without, as the Scriptures picture him.”* (Small Catechism: Christian Q’s & A’s #20)

This is why it’s so important to know the truth from God’s Word. Read or listen to the Bible every day. Then after you’ve read or listened to a portion, pray and ask God to help you understand that particular passage better. Jesus countered false teaching with ONLY the truth from God’s Word. Let’s follow his example in our daily lives. This is all possible by the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Amen.

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



March

Elders	C= communion		
Ash Wed.	03-02-22	Jeff Krusen	712-840-9821
Holy Communion	03-06-22	Duane Hamann	712-870-3450
Mid week	03-09-22	Ryan Paulsen	712-840-0125
Sunday	03-13-22	Mark Witzel	760-500-8902
Mid week	03-16-22	Jeff Krusen	712-840-9821
Holy Communion	03-20-22	Duane Hamann	712-870-3450
Mid week	03-23-03	Ryan Paulsen	712-840-0125
Sunday	03-27-22	Mark Witzel	760-500-8902
Mid week	03-30-22	Jeff Krusen	712-840-9821

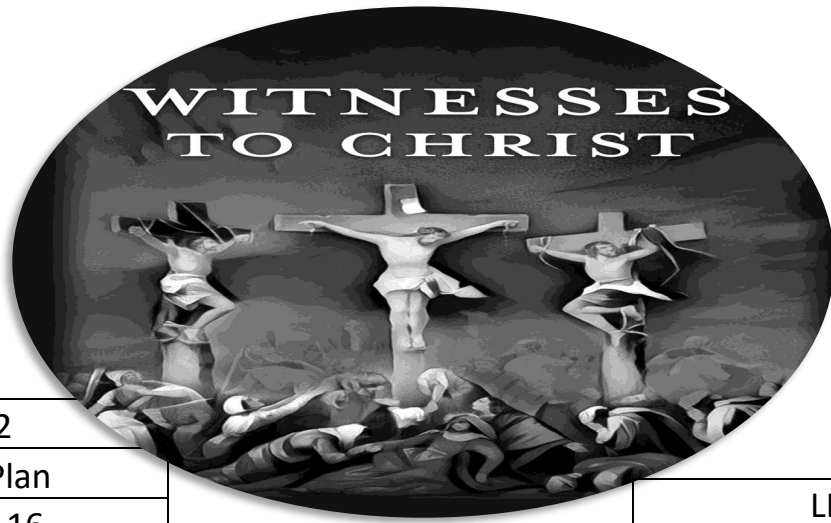
Lay Readers	C= communion		
Ash Wed.	03-02-22	Mark Witzel	760-500-8902
Holy Communion	03-06-22	Joe Hogan	712-420-0775
Mid week	03-09-22	Ryan Paulsen	712-840-0125
Sunday	03-13-22	Mark Witzel	712-420-0775
Mid week	03-16-22	Joe Hogan	712-420-0775
Holy Communion	03-20-22	Mark Witzel	760-500-8902
Mid week	03-23-03	Ryan Paulsen	712-840-0125
Sunday	03-27-22	Mark Witzel	760-500-8902
Mid week	03-30-22	Mark Witzel	760-500-8902

Screens	C= communion		
Ash Wed.	03-02-22	Dennis Muckey	712-840-6914
Holy Communion	03-06-22	Dennis Muckey	712-840-6914
Mid week	03-09-22	Mark Witzel	760-500-8902
Sunday	03-13-22	Joe Hogan	712-420-0775
Mid week	03-16-22	Dennis Muckey	712-840-6914
Holy Communion	03-20-22	Joe Hogan	712-420-0775
Mid week	03-23-03	Dennis Muckey	712-840-6914
Sunday	03-27-22	Joe Hogan	712-420-0775
Mid week	03-30-22	Dennis Muckey	712-840-6914

Altar Guild	
Sarah Schmidt 712-880-2412	Mardella Vandervanter 515-890-2226

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



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 of: Week of March 6, 2022 Isaiah 40:1



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder: When you bring clothes for Finders Keepers no boxes, only clean clothes no tore or stained. Thank you. Remember proceeds go to our church.

The Nominating Committee welcomes any input and recommendations of persons to be considered as potential nominees for the slate of candidates for the election of Board Members at the Annual Meeting in April. The open positions are President, Financial Secretary Christian Education, Head Elder, and two additional Elder positions. The Nominating Committee will contact any person recommended to discuss their interest and willingness to be a candidate. We would like to receive any recommendations by March 24, 2022.

Come and enjoy a wonderful **Easter Breakfast**. Our Elders are serving the meal after church in the church basement. Free-will offering.

PICK A HYMN: If you have a favorite Lenten Hymn you would like to hear this Lenten season please contact the church. We will try to play your choice at four services that month.

Ruth Bruhn picked the first Lenten hymns 433 Glory Be to Jesus and 436 Go to Dark Gethsemane, look for them in the future to be song. Thank you Ruth for participating.



Needed per Week	\$3,225.02
Church offering 03-02-22	
Confirmation	
Church attendance 03-02-22	29
Bible Class 03-02-22	12
Sunday School 03-02-22	5
In The Word 03-03-22	9

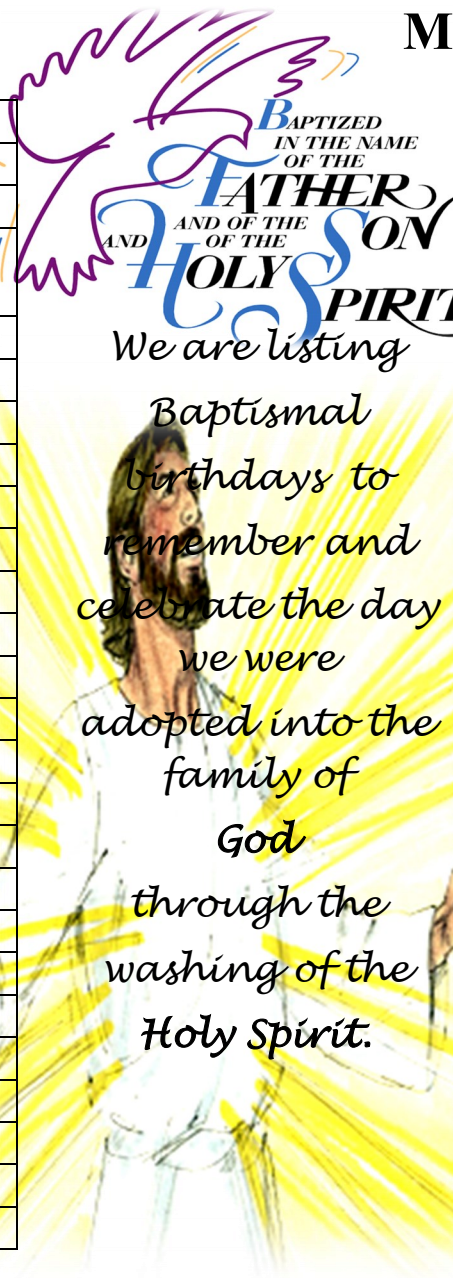
	Week of Schedule 03-07 to 03-13
Mon 07	Pastors Family Day
Tues 08	Board of Directors 7pm Circuit Pastor Meeting Amigos en Cristo, Denison
Wed 09	Confirmation Class 6:00 pm Helping Hands 1-4 pm Lenten Services 7pm Elder: Ryan Paulsen Reader: Ryan Paulsen Screens: Mark Witzel
Sun 13	2nd Sunday in Lent Services 9:30 am Elder: Mark Witzel Reader: Mark Witzel Screens: Joe Hogan Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Bible Class 10:45 a.m.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Delores	Boysen	Mar 05, 1939
Kirk	Bridgeman	Mar 07, 1980
Alicia	Burns	Mar 07, 1980
Christopher	Creswell	Mar 30, 1989
Michael	Creswell	Mar 16, 1984
Jennifer	Engelke	Mar 02, 1975
Megan	Frehse	Mar 31, 1982
Randy	Gosch	Mar 18, 1961
Terrance	Gray	Mar 23, 1999
Kerensa	Hamann	Mar 10, 2014
Brandon	Jacobson	Mar 10, 1980
Brandon	Krusen	Mar 20, 2000
Rose	Laboube	Mar 30, 2020
Rita	Lafrentz	Mar 17, 1945
Ashton	Lichtenberg	Mar 22, 2001
Mark	Livermore	Mar 03, 1964
Amy	Meseck	Mar 28, 1973
Daniel	Miller	Mar 22, 1958
Dennis	Muckey	Mar 31, 1950
Steve	Oberg	Mar 09, 1961
Caleb	Rickert	Mar 26, 2009
Patty	Sanderson	Mar 15, 1969
Kathryn	Schiltz	Mar 28, 1967
Lin	Scott	Mar 27, 1946
Michael	Smith	Mar 16, 1984
Jolene	Uhl	Mar 27, 1959

MARCH BAPTISMS

David	Bartels	Mar 27, 1949
Brayden	Brodersen	Mar 24, 2018
Montana	Brodersen	Mar 21, 2004
Adam	Chandler	Mar 30, 1980
Carol	Dose	Mar 20, 1948
Joan	Fick	Mar 27, 1945
Randy	Gosch	Mar 30, 1961
Bradley	Goslar	Mar 15, 1998
Curtis	Hesse	Mar 4, 1962
Roger	Ingram	Mar 18, 1960
Brandon	Jacobson	Mar 30, 1980
Dennis	Jahn	Mar 9, 1947
Pam	Kovarna	Mar 25, 1951
Sharon	Kruse	Mar 28, 1954
Susan	Kruse	Mar 24, 1957
Emily	Lamb	Mar 24, 1980
Barbara	Lyon	Mar 29, 1952
Mindi	Ohlmeier	Mar 24, 1985
Drake	Paulsen	Mar 14, 2015
Derek	Pithan	Mar 17, 2013
DeRae	Schauer	Mar 30, 1986
Stephanie	Schauer	Mar 6, 1985
Troy	Schmidt	Mar 1, 2009
Chelsea	Schrader	Mar 19, 1989
Ryan	Trucke	Mar 12, 1994
Robert	Wood	Mar 13, 1977
Shawn	Wood	Mar 13, 1977



80 + Birthday

God's Blessings

Joan	Fick	Mar 27, 1935	87
Delores	Boysen	Mar 05, 1939	83

God's Blessings on your Wedding Anniversary

Alan and Kris Dale	Mar 21, 1997 25 yrs.
Lester and Donna Goslar	Mar 21, 1970 52 yrs.
Bryan and Betsy Scheer	Mar 8, 2014 8 yrs.
Toni and Krista Elmquist	Mar 5, 1988 34 yrs.



Please Give the office a call or the Pastor...

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



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



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 378ECF-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



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*

