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# St Matthews Service

Rev. Christopher LaBoube  
*March 14, 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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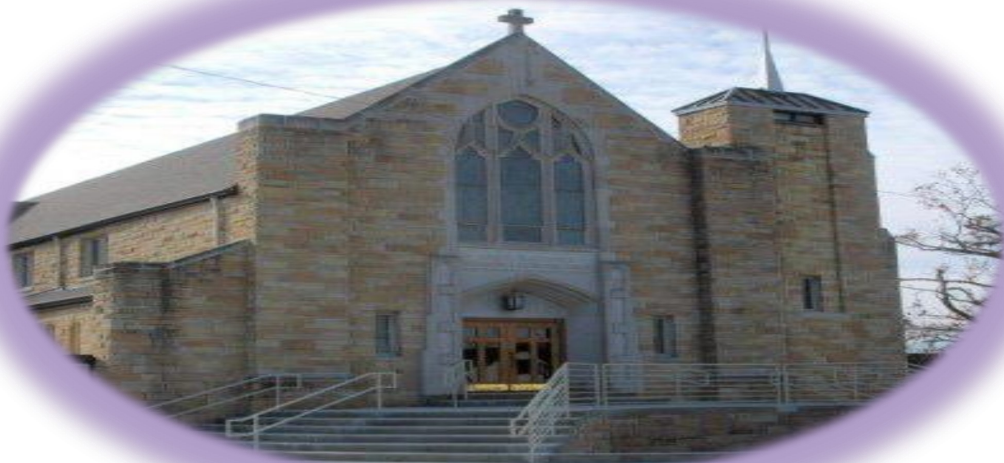
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Fourth Sunday in Lent  
14 March 2021

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Mapleton, IA  
James 4:1-10

Sermon Title: Pray in Submission to God  
Sermon Text: James 4:1-10

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

This Lenten Season we continue digging into the Scriptures to see what it says about Submitting to God in Prayer. I’ve enjoyed this time so far since it’s helping me to see the many different people, places and events where folks pray. Today, we’re going to talk about Praying in Submission to God.

So why are there so many conflicts and arguments in our church, in this town and across the country? James hits that nail right on the head. *“What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? <sup>2</sup> You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup> You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.” (James 4:1-3)*

Fights, quarrels, arguments all happen, because we don’t get our own way. We want something. We want the process to go our way. We want everyone else to just follow our ways, and then we conclude that things will be great.

That’s not what James says. *“What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? <sup>2</sup> You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup> You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.” (James 4:1-3)*

We fight and argue, because we want things that we can’t have. We fight and argue, because we don’t get our own way. James tells us clearly that we don’t get what we want, because we ask with wrong motives. We want things to go our way, and when they don’t—that’s when we start fighting.

James keeps going. *“<sup>4</sup> You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore, whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup> Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, ‘He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us’? (1 Cor. 6:19; 2 Cor. 6:16)” (James 4:4-5)*

When you want to get your own way, you’re probably coveting. You want something that isn’t yours. When you covet things that don’t belong to you. Then you’re breaking the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Commandments. *“You shall not covet your neighbour’s house.” And, “You shall not covet your neighbour’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.”*

James equates demanding your own way with being friends with the world. He says: *“Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.”*

James basically says that when you are friends with the world, that you can't be friends with God. When you focus on being friends with the world, your focus is not on what God wants, but what you want or what the world says you want.

When you are friends with the world, then it means that you let social media—TV or radio—and unbelievers tell you what is important and how to deal with every situation. James, though, wants to encourage you to focus on what God has to say to you in your life.

James told us in a recent service that *“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.”* (James 1:5) So, instead of asking Facebook or Google about something, pray and ask God. This is what our Lenten season is all about—submitting yourself to God in prayer.

When we submit ourselves to God in prayer, then we are acknowledging that God truly knows best about EVERYTHING. When we pray in submission to God, then we are trusting that the God, who created the universe, is able to help you.

This is why I say often that it's very important for you to read or listen to the Bible regularly. When you regularly read or listen to the Bible, then you are filling up with Jesus. When you regularly read or listen to the Bible, then you are letting God the Holy Spirit teach you what to say or do in every situation.

When you fill up with Jesus and his Word then you are giving the Holy Spirit lots of great material to work with. And when you fill up with Jesus, then you know the truth—the real truth from God's Word—not random ideas from world.

James also talks about what happens when you fill up with Jesus. *“<sup>6</sup> But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, ‘God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.’ (Pr. 3:34) <sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.”* (James 4:6-8a)

God gives you his grace and mercy as He sees fit for every situation in your life. Of course, when you submit yourself to God in prayer—then you are acknowledging that God truly knows best for your life. When you pray in submission to God, then you are humbling yourself before God.

When you humble yourself before God, then you are in the right place. The man, who is proud and arrogant and acts like he knows everything, will be constantly filling his wallet with money, only to find that his wallet has holes in it.

*“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.”* Submit yourself to God. That's what we've been talking about over these past couple of weeks—submit yourself to God in prayer. Then, James tell us to *“Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”*

You're only able to resist the devil, when you fill up with Jesus. When you pray in submission to God—when you submit yourself to God in prayer—then you are filling up with the truth from God's Word. When you fill up with the truth from God's Word, then you will know the truth and that truth will set you free.

For example, if you receive an email or a letter in the mail that says that you could receive

\$50,000 by simply praying a certain way—doing a specific sets of tasks—and then soon you will be blessed with a lot of money—then you would hopefully realize that this is a scam.

God tells us that he provides for all of our needs of body and soul. God tells us that we need to pray to him—to fear, love and trust in him above everything. So, if this email scam says that you will become rich by following a specific set of tasks you will know it's fake.

God does not require you to follow a specific set of tasks in order to engage with him. God simply tells you to trust him completely—in EVERY situation—both good and bad. Also, God does not say that if you do or say a certain set of tasks, that he will automatically bless you with lots of money or whatever you want. God is not a vending machine.

Instead, when you fill up with Jesus, and you let the Holy Spirit work in you, you will the truth—that God alone knows what you need and when you need it. God asks that you trust him alone—and no one else—since He truly is the one who is the most concerned about you and your well-being.

James continues: *“Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup> Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.”* (James 4:8b-10)

James tells you that you need to *“Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.”* In this verse, “hands” refers to actions, and “hearts” refers to intentions. In other words, James is telling you that when you submit yourself to God—when you pray in submission to God—then you are humbling yourself before God.

When you humble yourself before God, then you recognize that you have sinned against God and against someone else, and that you are truly sorry for what you have said or done. From the Apostle John: *“If we confess our sins, [God] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.”* (1 John 1:9-10)

If you confess your sins, God will forgive you. But, the Apostle John goes on saying that if you don't confess your sins, God will not forgive you. This is what James is getting at when he says: *“Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup> Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.”* (James 4:8b-10)

James stresses his point again. *<sup>9</sup> Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.* Recognize that you have sinned against God and someone else, and then sincerely apologize. When you apologize, then you are in effect submitting yourself to that person. When you say, “I'm sorry,” you are in effect, recognizing that you are not in control, and that you have said or done something against this other person.

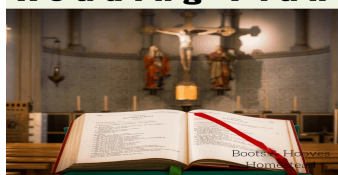
*<sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.* God lifts up those, who are humble and contrite in spirit. Those people, who are proud, arrogant and puffed up, will be brought low by God. When you *“Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.”* Then you are submitting to God in prayer. When you *“Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.”* Then you are praying in submission to God.

When you humble yourself before the Lord, you recognize that God's ways are still the best, and that you should follow his ways and not your own. *"Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noon-day."* (Psalm 37:5-6) Seek the Lord while he may be found. Call upon him while he is near. To God be the glory now and forever. Amen.

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



## LENT Bible Reading Plan



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.



## The Forty-Day Lenten Bible Reading Plan

Feb. 17 — March 27, 2021



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

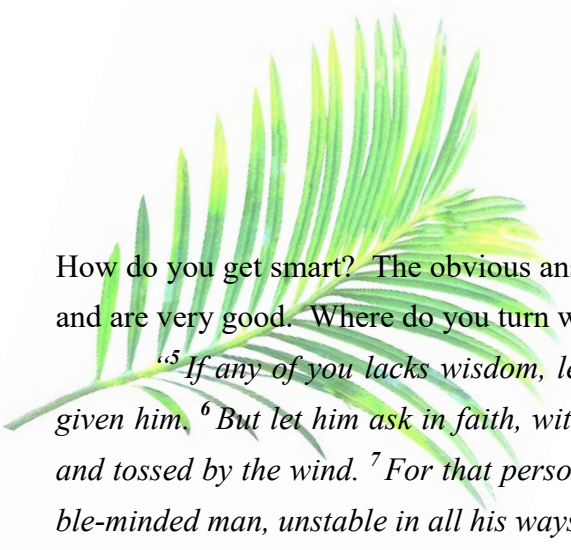
Lent is a season in the church year in which we take 40 days to prepare for the life, suffering, death AND resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



# “SUBMITTING TO GOD IN PRAYER”

Lent 2021

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



How do you get smart? The obvious answer might be stay in school, study hard and keep learning. These things help and are very good. Where do you turn when you don't know how to solve a problem? James gives us great advice:

*<sup>5</sup> If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. <sup>6</sup> But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup> For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; <sup>8</sup> he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.*” (James 1:5-8)

How do you get smart? Ask God. Pray and ask God to help you know how to do something. When we submit ourselves to God in prayer then we are acknowledging that God is the final authority and he is the complete source of all knowledge.

As we continue walking through this Lenten season, we keep learning from Scripture how to submit ourselves to God in prayer. When you submit yourself to God in prayer, then you are in the right place.

Each Sunday and Wednesday we're looking at different situations and people and their prayers. Since prayer is our theme for this Lenten season, on Thursdays we have “A Lenten Hymns and Prayer Service” to practice what we're studying. These are all great opportunities to grow in your faith in Jesus.

I would like to also challenge you this Lenten season to join us for the adult Bible class. Christina is leading a study through the Book of James. So far, we've talked about facing trials in our lives and how to deal with anger.

## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Thursdays at 4 p.m.

*“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask  
God.” James 1:5*



## THE APOSTLES' CREED—THE SECOND ARTICLE

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary.**

*What does this mean?* I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord.

**She will give birth to a Son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins. (Matthew 1:21)**

## FOR SHARING

1. Share your most cherished Christmas memory. What makes Christmas special in your home or family?
2. "The coming of Jesus into the world is the most stupendous event in human history" (Malcolm Muggeridge).  
"Filling the world he lies in a manger" (St. Augustine).  
"Because eternity was closeted in time, he is my open door to forever" (Luci Shaw).  
Describe, in your own words, the wonder and glory of the incarnation.
3. Thomas confessed of Jesus, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28). What does the divinity of Christ mean for your daily life?
4. Jesus is also true man. What does it mean to you that Jesus is fully and completely human—yet without sin?
5. The name Jesus ("the Lord saves") and Christ ("the Anointed") shows us a glimpse of God's relationship to us. What has Jesus Christ saved you from? What has he saved you for?

## PRAYER

My Lord Jesus, thank You for being true God and true man. Thank You for saving me from sin, death, and the devil. Give me Your encouragement to confess You to my family, friends, and neighbors. Help me to serve You by serving others. In Your name I pray. Amen.

## 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.

**Hot Beef Lunch** Next 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. Selling tickets at the back of the church and around town. This goes to support your church!

**Thank you from:** Staley's Food Service, Inc: All too often, patronage is routinely accepted as a day-to-day part of business life. However, we know that your recent purchase on 10-25-20 is truly appreciated... that your confidence in us and our services is meaningful to us...And that we still strive to merit your continued confidence.

**Wednesday Lenten Services** We would like to invite all of you to join us at 7 p.m. We will chew on a portion of Scripture that talks about people, who are actually Praying.

Every Thursday we have **"A Lenten Hymns and Prayer Service"** We would like to invite you to join us at 4 p.m. another opportunity to fill up with Jesus. During that service, we'll sing a lot of great Lenten hymns and also prayer throughout the service. The sermon will be replaced with a short devotional thought.

	<b><u>Week of Schedule 03-14 to 03-21</u></b>
Mon (15)	Pastor's Family Day
Wed (17)	Confirmation Class 6 pm to 7 pm Helping Hands, at 1:00 to 4 pm Lenten Service 7 pm
Thur (18)	Lenten Hymn & Prayer Service at 4 pm
Sun (21)	5th Sunday in Lent Church Services 9:30 am w/Holy Communion Bible Class 10:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am

<b>NEEDED /WEEK</b>	\$3,225.02
Sunday Giving 03-07-21	No report
Sunday Communion 03-07-21	42
Sunday Attendance 03-07-21	43
Children in Church 03-07-21	4
Visitors 03-07-21	2
Bible Class 03-07-21	16
Wednesday Giving 03-10-21	No report
Wednesday Attendance 03-10-21	9
Thursday Attendance 03-11-21	8
Sunday School 03-07-21	5

## BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY

Name	Baptism
Brodersen Montana	Mar 21, 2004
Brodersen Brayden	Mar 24, 2018
Dose Carol	Mar 20, 1948
Fick Joan	Mar 27, 1945
Jahn Dennis	Mar 9, 1947
Lyon Barbara	Mar 29, 1952
Ohlmeier Mindi	Mar 24, 1985
Paulsen Drake	Mar 14, 2015
Pithan Derek	Mar 17, 2013
Schmidt Troy	Mar 1, 2009
Witzel Lavone	Mar 13, 1959



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.

## BIRTHDAYS

Name	Birthday
BridgemanKirk	Mar 07, 1980
Hamann Kerensa	Mar 10, 2014
Laboube Rose	Mar 30, 2020
Lafrentz Rita	Mar 17, 1945
Meseck Amy	Mar 28, 1973
Muckey Dennis	Mar 31, 1950
Scott Lin	Mar 27, 1946

### God's Blessings 80 +yr. Birthdays

Boysen Delores	Mar. 5, 1939	82
Fick Joan	Mar. 27. 1935	86

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY God's

Jim and Frances Brodersen	Mar 12, 1964	57
Alan and Kris Dale	Mar 21, 1997	24
Lester and Donna Goslar	Mar 21, 1970	51
Bryan and Betsy Scheer	Mar 8, 2014	7



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:** Step outside your home and imagine leaving it all behind for the rest of your life.  
Thank Jesus for what He forsook because of His love for you

<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	Carol Dose	Selma Schrader	Alan Bruhn
Lavonne Witzel	Mark Witzel	Myrna Gosch	

**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

*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

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

**George Koithan** 88 yrs. Sept. 2, 1932

1726 Marcella Heights  
Carroll, IA 51040

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

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

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

\*\* indicates a new address

**Phyllis Fick** 92 yrs. Jun 3, 1928

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

**Carol Dose** 86 yrs. Jan. 22, 1934

Sunrise Ave.  
Maple Heights Nursing Home

**Myrna Gosch** 79 yrs. Jan 9, 1941

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

**Those on our prayer list:**

Nazaria Kaderabek  
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Mapleton, IA 51034

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***Spread the Fruits of the Spirit:***

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





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Dear God, thank You for the resurrection of Your Son, Jesus. We want to celebrate Him every day of our lives. In a world that grows increasingly dark, help us hold up His light. We ask this in Your Name Amen