



THE
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St Matthews Service

Rev. Christopher LaBoube

04-10-2022

Palm Sunday Holy Week

"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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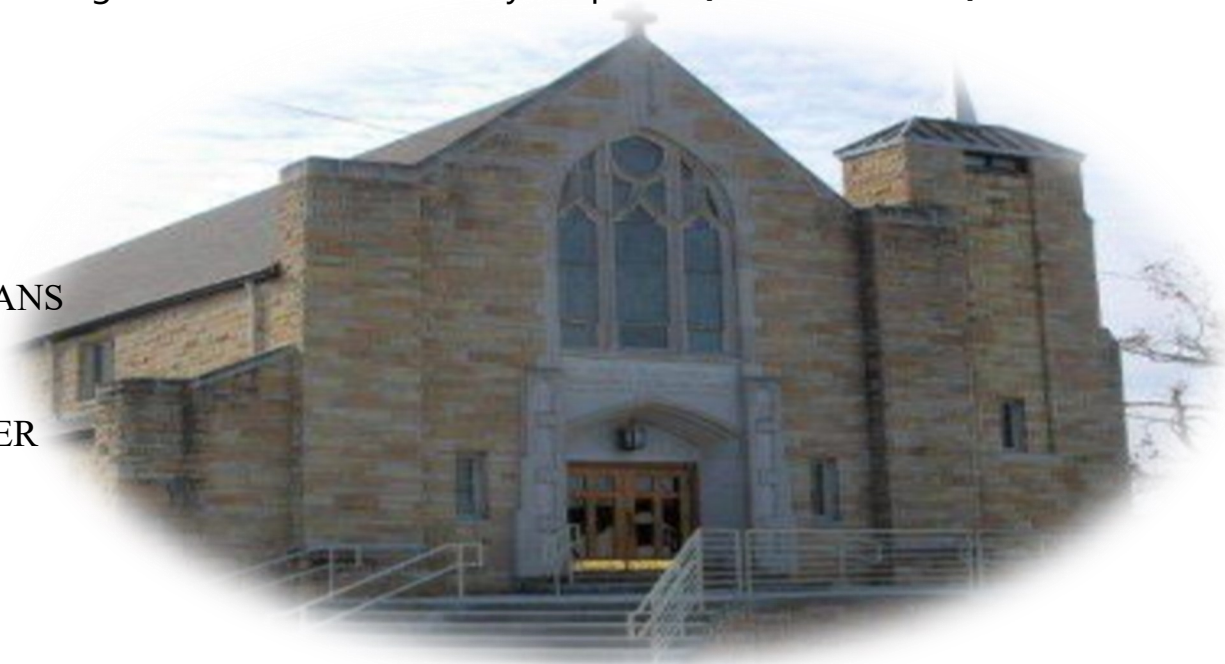
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Palm Sunday

10 April 2022

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Mapleton, IA

Zechariah 9:9–10 / Philippians 2:5–11 / John 12:12–19

Sermon Title: The Disciples

Sermon Text: John 12:12–19

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

Have you ever had expectations meet reality? You thought the meal looked good on the menu, but it didn’t look so good when it was served. You thought your friend had taken a good picture of you, but when you looked at it, you immediately wanted a retake. You thought loading the car for the trip would be easy, but your children wanted to bring so much stuff. Expectations meet reality.

Palm Sunday is *all* about expectations meeting reality. Christ’s Palm Sunday parade into Jerusalem wasn’t the only parade Jerusalem had ever seen. Roman historians tell us that the governor of Judea, Pontius Pilate, regularly held military parades—parades of Roman cavalry and soldiers who marched into the city of Jerusalem.

From the western side of the city, the opposite side from which Jesus would enter, Pontius Pilate would lead Roman soldiers on horseback and on foot. Each soldier would be clad in leather armor polished to a high gloss. On each soldier’s head, hammered helmets would gleam in the bright sunlight. At their sides, sheathed in their scabbards, were swords crafted from the hardest steel; in their hands, each soldier would carry a spear. Or if he was an archer, he carried a bow with a sling of arrows across his back. Drummers would beat out the cadence of the march. The message was clear. Peace came through Roman might and power. Historians call it *Pax Romana*—Roman peace.

On Palm Sunday, Christ’s disciples expected that Jesus, coming from the eastern side of the city, would defeat the Roman legions and bring Jewish peace. The crowd on that Sunday proclaimed, *“Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!”* (John 12:13). The word *Hosanna* means “Save us now!” Hosanna was the cry for King Jesus to replace *Pax Romana* with Jewish peace. They even waved palm branches—the ancient sign for victory!

Jewish peace through King Jesus! That’s what people expected—now consider the reality. *“And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ‘Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!’”* (John 12:14–15). In antiquity, horses and chariots, not donkeys, brought victory on the battlefield! In 2 Kings 2:12; 13:14, horses and chariots

are proverbial for ultimate power. But Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a *donkey*. Not a warhorse, not a stallion. He has no chariots, no army, no sword, no helmet, and no spear. What is Jesus thinking?

No wonder John writes, “*His disciples did not understand these things*” (John 12:16). They didn’t have a clue! This is a major motif in John’s Gospel.

Let me give you some examples: (1) The master of the Cana wedding feast doesn’t realize where the wine has come from (John 2:9). (2) Jews believe Jesus will rebuild the temple in three literal days (John 2:20). (3) Nicodemus thinks Jesus is talking about a literal second birth (John 3:4, 9). (4) The Samaritan woman misconstrues Jesus’ reference to “living water” (John 4:10–15). (5) The man who was healed doesn’t know who did it (John 5:13). (6) The crowd wants to make Jesus an earthly king (John 6:15). (7) “*Not even His brothers believed in Him*” (John 7:5). (8) People are confused concerning Jesus’ Bethlehem birth (John 7:41–42). (9) The disciples misconstrue Jesus’ reference to Lazarus having “*fallen asleep*” (John 11:11–13). (10) Martha doesn’t understand Jesus’ use of “resurrection” (John 11:24). (11) Peter fails to understand the significance of the foot washing (John 13:6–11). (12) The disciples in the Upper Room fail to understand the significance of Judas’ leaving the meal (John 13:28–30). (13) Both Thomas and Philip misunderstand Jesus’ reference to being “*the way*” (John 14, 5). (14) Peter, by cutting off Malchus’s ear, shows that he fails to understand Jesus’ plan to go to the cross (John 18:10–11). (15) Mary Magdalene does not recognize Jesus (John 20:14–15). (16) Seven disciples go fishing and don’t recognize their risen Lord (John 21:4).

That’s quite a list! It reminds me of a story Art Holst used to tell. Holst was a referee in the NFL. During one game, Kansas City Chiefs tight end Fred Arbanas was tackled so hard that his artificial eye popped out. After a search, the missing eye was found. Arbanas popped it back into place, declined the coach’s offer to send in a sub, and was eager to resume play. Holst playfully said to Arbanas, “Fred, I’m impressed. But what if you had lost the other eye?” “That’s easy,” snapped Arbanas. “I’d become a referee!” Referees aren’t the only ones who are blind. So are people throughout John’s Gospel. So are we!

Let’s face it. There are times when we are spiritually blind because we want a different Savior. A Savior who can instantly right our wrongs, heal our hurts, and miraculously deliver us from disease and all sorts of doom and gloom. A Savior that gives only sweetness and light, happiness and heaven.

Expectations meet reality. Do they ever! Judas betrayed Christ for thirty pieces of silver. Peter used a sword in Gethsemane to strike the high priest’s servant. All of the disciples abandoned the Savior. Finally, by Friday, most of the Jews ended up rejecting Jesus, crying, “*Crucify Him! Crucify Him!*”

No wonder that by Friday, Jesus was hanging under a sign indicating why Rome executed him: “*This is Jesus, the King of the Jews*” (Matthew 27:37). Looking for a king who had pomp and power, people missed seeing that God offers lasting, enduring peace through the King riding on a donkey.

But all is not lost! God turned the darkness of Good Friday into the light of Easter. God turned death with horrific suffering into an empty tomb with great joy. God turned the shadow of the cross into lasting peace.

And this is the kind of peace we need! The Savior’s shed blood makes peace so that through faith alone we have peace *with* God (Romans 5:1) as well as the peace *of* God (Philippians 4:7). God delivers this peace in concrete ways in specific places—in the Gospel proclaimed, in Holy Baptism,

and in the Lord's Supper.

I've met people who say, "I made my peace with the man upstairs." What they really mean is that they have a cease-fire with God. "God, You stay on Your side of the fence, and I'll stay on mine. God, You stay up in heaven and do Your thing, and I'll stay on earth and do my thing. God, if You don't bother me, I won't bother You!" That's not having peace with God. That's having a cease-fire with God. God offers so much more! He offers a relationship!

I invite you to stand beneath the cross and receive these beautiful promises, all found in John's Gospel. "*Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you*" (John 14:27). "*I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world*" (John 16:33). "*Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you'*" (John 20:19).

Expectations meet reality. The reality is that Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey. The reality is that He suffers, bleeds, and dies. The reality is that we are called to take up our cross. The reality is that sometimes prayers go unanswered, hopes are dashed, and deliverance from debt and depression doesn't come.

Christ's disciples didn't stay in the dark about Palm Sunday forever. John writes, "*His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about Him and had been done to Him*" (John 12:16). The disciples finally understood the peace of Jesus and—by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit—so shall we! And we will not just understand it, but we will also receive it and share it and live it.

"*Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!*" (John 12:15) Amen.

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

PALM SUNDAY / SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

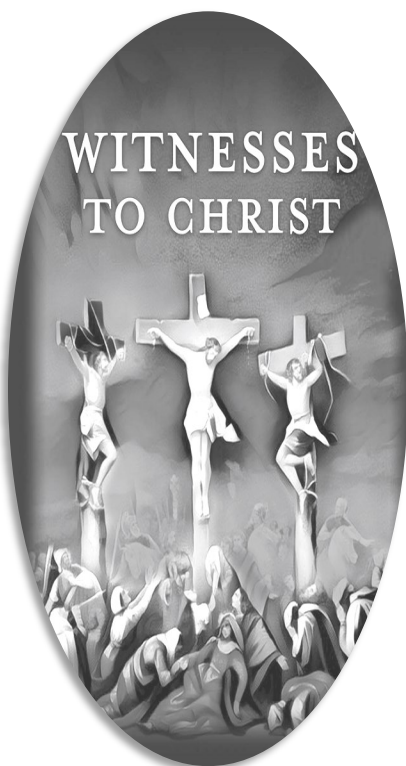
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The Cross and Passion of Our Lord Are the Hour of His Glory

The King of Israel comes into His royal glory by the path of humble obedience *“to the point of death, even death on a cross”* (Phil. 2:8). He *“goes as it has been determined”* (Luke 22:22), according to the Scriptures, willingly submitting to His Father’s plan for the salvation of sinners. *“Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name”* (Phil. 2:9). His suffering and death open the way of repentance for the forgiveness of sins because He goes to the cross bearing the sins of the world. In His resurrection, God the Father vindicates His people and has compassion on His servants (Deut. 32:36). He kills to make alive; He wounds in order to heal. In remembrance of Him, we praise God, confessing *“that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father”* (Phil. 2:11).

PICK A HYMN: If you have a favorite hymn you would like to hear please contact the church. We will try to play your choice at service. Going into the Easter season feel free to chose from the Easter hymns

Voters Meeting to be held on 04-24-2022 after the Worship Service.



Please Give the office a call

Before going to hospital

Private communion

Address or name changes

Death in the family

Birth of your baby

Making wedding plans

LENTEN 2022

Bible Reading Plan

March 2--April 16

Date	Psalm	John
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.

BUT I WILL SEE YOU AGAIN, AND
YOUR HEARTS WILL REJOICE, AND
NO ONE WILL TAKE
YOUR JOY AWAY
FROM YOU.

- John 16:22

LCMS Memory verse of: Week of April 10, 2022

Elders	C= communion		
Sunday	04-03-22 C	Jeff Krusen	712-840-9821
Mid week	04-06-22	Ryan Paulsen	712-840-0125
Palm Sunday	04-10-22	Duane Hamann	712-870-3450
Maundy Thursday	04-14-22 C	Mark Witzel	760-500-8902
Good Friday	04-15-22	Jeff Krusen	712-840-9821
Easter Sunday	04-17-22	Mark Witzel	760-500-8902

Lay Readers	C= communion		
Sunday	04-03-22 C	Joe Hogan	712-420-0775
Mid week	04-06-22	Ryan Paulsen	712-840-0125
Palm Sunday	04-10-22	Joe Hogan	712-420-0775
Maundy Thursday	04-14-22 C	Mark Witzel	760-500-8902
Good Friday	04-15-22	Joe Hogan	712-420-0775
Easter Sunday	04-17-22	Mark Witzel	760-500-8902

Screens	C= communion		
Sunday	04-03-22 C	Mark Witzel	760-500-8902
Mid week	04-06-22	Dennis Muckey	712-840-6914
Palm Sunday	04-10-22	Mark Witzel	760-500-8902
Maundy Thursday	04-14-22 C	Joe Hogan	712-420-0775
Good Friday	04-15-22	Mark Witzel	760-500-8902
Easter Sunday	04-17-22	Joe Hogan	712-420-0775

April

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

1 John 4:7

Altar Guild	
Kay Johnson 881-2247	Carolyn Sexton 883-2312
Janeal Holmes 1-712-899-	

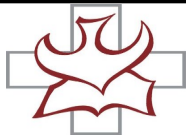
**SPECIAL ASCENSION SERVICE
AT MISSION CENTRAL ON MAY 26TH, 2022
WITH A MEAL AT 5:00PM – WORSHIP AT 6:30PM AND SPECIAL BIBLE STUDY AT
3:00PM!**



WANTED

**A GREAT NUMBER OF “NOT NORMAL” PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE FOR A SPECIAL
EVENT AT MISSION CENTRAL!**

What a JOY and blessing to have the privilege of having Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer as our guest speaker for the Ascension Worship Service at Mission Central on May 26th, 2022! A wonderful meal will be provided at no cost, and then Rev. Meyer will have a very, very special message for everyone. Dr. Meyer is an excellent speaker, and is known around the world for his time as speaker for the Lutheran Hour and was President of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri for many years. Rev. Meyer will be also providing a special TWO HOUR SPECIAL BIBLE CLASS AT MISSION CENTRAL BEFORE THE MEAL, AND THAT WILL BEGIN AT 3:00PM. Please mark your calendar for these special events at the world famous Mission Central just 2 miles east of Mapleton, Iowa. It will change your life and it's a once in a lifetime opportunity to hear this amazing man of God!



OUR CATECHUMENS

Taya Ohlmeier: Parents: Shawn and Mindi Ohlmeier. Born: 02-03-2009; Baptized: 05-03-2009:

Sponsors: Matthew Petersen; Patrick Ohlmeier; Hunter Marsh

Troy Schmidt: Parents: Kurt and Sarah Schmidt. Born: 01-27-2009; Baptized: 03-01-2009

Sponsors: Jodi South; Josh Van Vorst



Holy Week



	Week of Schedule 04-11 to 04-17
Mon 11	Pastors Family Day
Tue 12	Board of Directors 7pm
Wed 13	Helping Hands 1-4 pm
Thur 14	Holy (Maundy) Thursday services w/HC 7pm Elder: Mark Witzel Reader: Mark Witzel Screens: Joe Hogan
Fri 15	Good Friday services 7pm Elder: Jeff Krusen Reader: Joe Hogan Screens: Mark Witzel
Sun 17	The Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter) Services 7 am Elder: Mark Witzel Reader: Mark Witzel Screens: Joe Hogan Easter Breakfast after services

Needed per Week	\$3,225.02
Church offering 04-03-22	\$3,055.00
Missions	\$5.00
Kid's offering 04-03-22	\$2.00
Church attendance 04-03-22	65 / 55 C
Bible Class 04-03-22	14
Sunday School 04-03-22	6

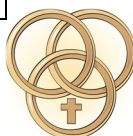


APRIL BIRTHDAYS

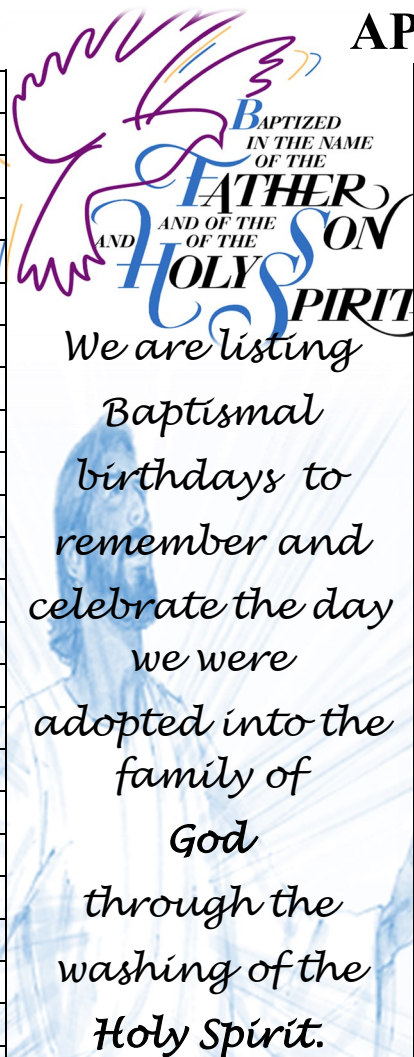
Emily	Boggs	Apr 17, 1992
Brian	Brown	Apr 05, 1962
Tanner	Broyhill	Apr 19, 1998
Joan	Chandler	Apr 30, 1944
Robert	Conyers	Apr 24, 1936
Colton	Davis	Apr 25, 2008
Jersey	Divis	Apr 17, 2006
Darlene	Dose	Apr 24, 1934
Shane	Erlemeier	Apr 06, 1988
Sue	Flanigan	Apr 24, 1961
Lexi	Frehse	Apr 11, 2010
Darren	Goslar	Apr 27, 1983
Jennifer	Goslar	Apr 17, 1975
Les	Goslar	Apr 18, 1948
Brittney	Gray	Apr 13, 1987
Daniel	Greiner	Apr 27, 1991
Brittany	Hesse	Apr 15, 1992
Mark	Jensen	Apr 08, 1969
Julie	Joy	Apr 09, 1980
Wayne	Kafton	Apr 27, 1942
Zola	Kafton	Apr 02, 1943
Daniel	Koithan	Apr 06, 1961
Kyle	Krueger	Apr 18, 1983
Brent	Kuehl	Apr 17, 1974
Clint	Lamb	Apr 01, 1978
Curt	Larson	Apr 24, 1971
Freda	Means	Apr 03, 1927
Sharon	Melby	Apr 21, 1946
Nate	Paulsen	Apr 17, 1987
Weston	Scheer	Apr 22, 2015
Harper	Schrader	Apr 06, 2018
Matthew	Schrader	Apr 08, 1988
Darrell	Scott	Apr 16, 1945
Jodi	Scott	Apr 09, 1971
Maxine	Thies	Apr 28, 1937
Cassidy	Walker	Apr 15, 1993
Betty	Wood	Apr 14, 1952
Kathy	Wunschel	Apr 27, 1958

God's Blessings on your Wedding Anniversary

Richard and JoAnn Thoreson	Apr 18, 1980 61 yrs.
Pat and Monica Brodersen	Apr 22, 2000 22 yrs.
Jeff and Karen Krusen	Apr 06, 1979 43 yrs.
Gary and Maxine Thies	Apr 18, 1980 42 yrs.
Clint and Emily Lamb	Apr 08, 2000 22 yrs.



APRIL BAPTISMS



Wanda	Andre	Apr 02, 1950
Diane	Brahms	Apr 16, 1989
Patrick	Brodersen	Apr 24, 1966
Cooper	Bruhn	Apr 14, 2013
Hadley	Bruhn	Apr 08, 2018
Samantha	Burkhart	Apr 02, 1994
Alicia	Burns	Apr 13, 1980
Susan	Creswell	Apr 22, 1973
Kay	Elmquist	Apr 03, 1938
Jennifer	Engelke	Apr 20, 1975
Shane	Erlemeier	Apr 24, 1988
Lennox	Fox	Apr 16, 2016
Megan	Frehse	Apr 18, 1982
Anna	Goslar	Apr 09, 1995
Hunter	Goslar	Apr 10, 2016
Maverick	Goslar	Apr 10, 2011
Mark	Jensen	Apr 19, 2000
Christopher	Jochims	Apr 24, 1977
Steve	Johnson	Apr 27, 1947
Daniel	Koithan	Apr 16, 1961
Dan	Kovarna	Apr 13, 1952
Jeff	Krusen	Apr 06, 1958
Rose	Laboube	Apr 12, 2020
Rita	Lafrentz	Apr 15, 1945
Ashton	Lichtenberg	Apr 29, 2001
Claire	Mikkelsen	Apr 30, 2010
Dennis	Muckey	Apr 16, 1950
Gavin	Nevins	Apr 01, 1956
Steve	Oberg	Apr 23, 1961
Tyler	Paulsen	Apr 02, 1994
Rodney	Pedersen	Apr 04, 1944
Marlene	Phillips	Apr 05, 1936
Gage	Rotnicke	Apr 30, 2000
Patty	Sanderson	Apr 15, 1969
Matthew	Schrader	Apr 23, 1988
Darrell	Scott	Apr 21, 1946
Kolby	Scott	Apr 03, 2005
Lin	Scott	Apr 21, 1946
Megan	WEBER	Apr 07, 1991
Russell	Wray	Apr 28, 1968

80 + Birthday God's Blessings

Robert	Conyers	Apr 24, 1936 86
Darlene	Dose	Apr 24, 1934 88
Wayne	Kafton	Apr 27, 1942 80
Maxine	Thies	Apr 28, 1937 85



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 Ramona Weber;

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 B
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 a
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 Sun
day: 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 broad
cast on KCAU, the ABC network affiliate in Sioux City on Sunday morning, starting at 10:00 AM.
The first 30 minutes are remastered episode of “This is the Life” The second half of the program is a
modified Lutheran worship service that features a different Pastor each week, from the area.

Dear Lord, today is my confirmation and I do not take this lightly as I have grown in my spiritual
walk with You. I thank You for guiding me on this path of closeness with You because a truly right-
eous man attains life, but he who pursues evil goes to his death. I pray that You continue to show me
the path of life because along that path is immortality. In You is my eternal reward, Amen.