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St Matthews Service

Rev. Christopher LaBoube
May 9, 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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6th Sunday of Easter
9 May 2021

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Mapleton, IA
Acts 10:34–48 / Psalm 98 / 1 John 5:1–8 / John 15:9–17

Sermon Title: Abide in God's Word
Sermon Text: John 15:9-17

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

Last week we heard Jesus describe himself as the True Vine, and his Father—God our Heavenly Father—is the Vinedresser. Today, we’re going to look at the next part of John chapter 15 in which Jesus talks about how to live like you abide in Jesus and His Word. *“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.”* (John 15:9-11)

Last Sunday, Jesus told us to abide in him—to be connected to him. Now, Jesus gets even more personal, and invites us to abide in his love. Now, it’s one thing to be connected to Jesus on an impersonal level. You know Jesus. You like Jesus. But maybe you’re not ready to LOVE Jesus. Maybe you’re not ready to live out the First Greatest Commandment—Love God, and to live out the Second Greatest Commandment: love your neighbor as yourself.

A disciple is 100% devoted to his teacher. A disciple of Jesus wants to be so much like his teacher—a disciple wants to learn so much from his teacher—that he spends as much time as he is able learning from his teacher. Are you that kind of disciple of Jesus?

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.” (John 15:9-11)

What are Jesus’ commandments? The Ten Commandments. *¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love.*

Now, I know it’s hard to keep the Ten Commandments, but that doesn’t mean you just throw them out and do whatever pleases you. God has set the standards for us—the Ten Commandments—so that we know what he expects from us.

Just because it’s hard to keep the Ten Commandments—just because it’s hard to live out the Ten Commandments—doesn’t mean that you don’t try. Jesus tells us plainly: *“If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love.”*

When you live according to the way God wants you to live as outlined in the Ten Commandments then you will abide in God’s love—you will be committed to God’s love—you will dwell in God’s love. Jesus then points out that he lives according to the Ten Commandments, and he therefore lives in God the Father’s love.

Of course, as the Scriptures teach, Jesus is both God AND man, and therefore he is capable of living out all Ten Commandments. Since Jesus is 100% man, then he experiences the exact same things you and I experience. You have not experienced anything that Jesus has also not experienced.

“These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.” Jesus teaches us that as a result of abiding in his love—being connected to his love—we will experience joy from Jesus. Now, when we talk about joy from Jesus, we’re not talking about a fleeting, temporary feeling that changes with the wind. The joy that Jesus gives you is a deep-seated experience that lasts through thick and thin.

The joy that Jesus gives you is something you experience when really wonderful things are happening in your life. The joy that Jesus gives you is also something that you experience when you’re going through some really difficult situations and experiences.

“¹² This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.” (John 15:12-15)

Here Jesus basically repeats the Second Greatest Commandments. *“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”* And we’ve talked about this before, that it’s not always easy to love some people, but Jesus doesn’t act like that’s okay. Jesus doesn’t say that it’s okay that you DON’T obey one of the commandments, but you obey the other nine. This is what James says:

“If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself,’ you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.” (James 2:8-10)

Jesus tells us that the Second Greatest Commandment—love your neighbor as yourself—is an opportunity for all of us. The Ten Commandments are God’s Law—what we have to do. The Ten Commandments are also an opportunity for you and me—an opportunity to fear, love and trust in God above ALL things, and an opportunity to love your neighbor as yourself. So, when you think about that one person, who you really don’t like and don’t get along with, THAT is the person, who you need to love.

And you might be thinking: Pastor, you don’t understand my situation. I CAN’T love that person. Do you know what that person has done to me?!?!? What if Jesus said that about you? What if Jesus said: Well, in normal situations—if Chris LaBoube was a lot kinder—then I’d probably love him, but because he sins all the time, I could never love him.

Isn’t that absurd? Jesus says that God is love, therefore God loves all people. So, when Jesus tells us that we are to love our neighbor as ourselves, then he is giving us an opportunity to grow in our faith in him—trusting Jesus to help us live out the Second Greatest Commandment—love your neighbor as yourself.

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After Jesus reminds us of the opportunity that we have to love our neighbor as ourselves, He follows that right on the heels with this: ¹³ *Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.*

Woah! Now, I have to be willing to die for my neighbor!?!? That might be going a little too far! Well, it might be according to your thinking, but according to God's thinking, this is how life is to be lived. We are to live according to the Ten Commandments—especially the First Greatest Commandment—love God, and the Second Greatest Commandment—love your neighbor as yourself.

As a result of living out these Two Great Commandments, we should be willing to go the extra mile for our neighbor—we are willing to sacrifice for our neighbor—we are willing to put our neighbor's interest and ideas before our interest and ideas.

This is what Paul says in his letter to the Philippians. *“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.”* (Philippians 2:3-4)

That person, who you don't like, that is the person, who God says you need to show his love to. And it's hard, because we often work hard to avoid people, who we don't like. Instead, as a disciple of Jesus, pray and confess your sins to God. Ask God to forgive you for hating that person.

Ask God to help you to pray for that person, who you don't like. Keep at it. Pray every day and ask God to help you to forgive that person, who hurt you. And then keep praying some more. As you continue to pray and ask God to forgive you—and to ask God to help you pray for your enemy, God will answer that prayer. Eventually God the Holy Spirit will help you to forgive that person and to love that person as your neighbor the way Jesus loves you.

“¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.” (John 15:9-17)

This is what we confess in the Apostles' Creed, the Meaning of the Third Article. “I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.” (Luther's Small Catechism)

God the Holy Spirit calls us out of spiritual darkness into God's glorious, life-giving light. When we abide in God's love—when we live in God's love—then we experience God's joy. When we live in God's love—then we desire to live according to the Second Greatest Commandment—love your neighbor as yourself.

Jesus tells us that he calls us to himself. Why? Because he has a deep longing to be with you and me for all eternity. Sadly, though, even as Jesus calls all people to himself—many people have stopped listening for Jesus. Some people have been deceived by the devil—deceived in thinking that they are much better off without Jesus. Some people have heard the Gospel, but the cares and concerns of this world have choked them nearly to death. And then, those same folks concluded that it was the Gospel that nearly choked them to death so that they quickly threw away the Gospel.

Some people have been deceived in thinking that the Gospel is useless. Some people have been deceived in thinking that Jesus is a fake and that it's better to live without God than to be confined by God and the Ten Commandments.

That's not what Jesus says. *"¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another."* (John 15:9-17)

Jesus chose you and me and all, who confess their faith in him. Why did Jesus choose you? *"but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you."*

Jesus chose you—and APPOINTED you—to go and bear fruit so that more people will see the good works that you are doing and give glory to God our Heavenly Father. This is exactly what we talked about last Sunday when Jesus referred to himself as the vine and you and me as the branches.

Jesus said last Sunday that God the Father will sometimes prune us branches so that we will produce MORE fruit. Pruning hurts, but it is extremely beneficial and healthy to our overall well-being. Jesus wants to see you and me and all disciples going out and sowing spiritual seeds.

Jesus chose you—and he APPOINTED you. Jesus gave you instructions to go forth and share this Good News with other people. This is what Jesus says at the end of Matthew's Gospel: *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."* (Matthew 28:19-20)

Jesus called you and me and all, who confess that Jesus is Lord by the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Jesus did this, because he cares for you—because he is truly concerned about you—more than you can ever imagine.

And after Jesus called you into his family, he *"..appointed you that you should go and bear fruit..."* Jesus wants more people to come to him and to be with him for all eternity. Unfortunately, not all people will go to heaven when they die. But those, who do confess that Jesus is Lord will go to heaven. This is what Paul writes in Romans:

"if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved." (Romans 10:9-10)

That's how you get to heaven—believe in Jesus. And as Jesus talks about today—he wants you to also ABIDE in his Word. When you abide in God's Word—when you commit to reading or listening to God's Word regularly, then you are growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

When you ABIDE in God's Word, then you are able to love your neighbor as yourself. When you abide in God's Word—when you abide in God's love. When you abide in God's love, then you are living the way God desires for you to live. *"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near."* (Isaiah 55:6) 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.

St Matthew Lutheran Church CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

MAY 16TH

Marley Scott

833 Main St.
Mapleton, IA 51034

Birthday 02-25-08

Baptized 08-10-08

Parents: Brian and Jenny Scott

Trista Ohlmeier

204 S. Chamberlain
Mapleton, IA 51034
Ohlmeier

Birthday 11-28-06

Baptized 12-19-06

Parents: Shawn and Mindi

Chelsey Paulsen

12396 Teak Ave
Mapleton, Ia 51034

Birthday 05-13-07

Baptized 11-11-18

Parents: Ryan and Dawn Paulsen



Eight Tests for Decision Making

“Walk as children of the light....and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.”
(Ephesians 5:8, 10)

Survey Test—What if everyone followed my example? *“Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.”* (1 Timothy 4:12)

Spiritual Test—Am I being people-pressured or Spirit led? *“For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.”* (Galatians 1.10)

The Good Father



THE LORD'S PRAYER—INTRODUCTION

Our Father who art in heaven.

What does this mean? With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by Him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. (Romans 8:15–16)

FOR SHARING

1. Share a good memory about your father or a father figure in your life.
2. What sort of Father do you think about when you pray the words "Our Father"? How would you describe God as *Father*?
3. In what ways have we, as God's children, disappointed our Father in our family life and relationships?
4. We are family because the Father's one and only Son has paid the price for our redemption. What does it mean to live as brothers and sisters in Christ?
5. In Christ we can pray with "all boldness and confidence." Share how Christ's love and forgiveness encourage you to approach God in daily prayer.

PRAYER

*[Abba,] Father, who from heav'n above Has told us here to live in love
And with our fellow Christians share Our mutual burdens and our prayer,
Teach us no thoughtless word to say But from our inmost heart to pray.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Camp Okoboji are in need of additional Summer Staff for 2021 Are there high school juniors, seniors and college age youth that are looking for summer employment and an opportunity to serve others? The Camp is offering payroll plus full room and board for the summer. Please contact Izaak Wendorff Discipleship Director or Kirk Warnke, Executive Director at (712) 337-3325 or izaak.campokoboji@gmail.com or kirk.campokoboji@gmail.com

May 17-19: CONTINUING EDUCATION WORKSHOP

Camp Okoboji partners with Concordia Theological Seminary in St. Louis, MO to hold continuing education classes for pastors, DCEs, Deacons, Deaconesses, teachers, and lay people. Dr. W Mart Thompson will lead the workshop, "The Vocation of Raising Children in the Faith; A Family Centered Congregational Approach"

May 30: SUMMER STAFF ARRIVAL

NEEDS/WANTS LIST: Sharing opportunities to assist Camp with specific items

1. Laundry soap and bleach
2. Hand soap and disinfectant wipes
3. Queen mattress pads
4. Bissell Clearview Swivel PET Vacuum (2)
5. Kan Jam Original Disc Toss Game
6. Wilson NFL Super Grip Football
7. 2 seat bike trailer for children
8. Set of scaffolding
9. Thrivent Action Team Cards (check with Kellie Jones for guidance on recommended usages) Also, see our Amazon Wish List at: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2U3MCM8Z6HGPY?ref=wl_share

Jesus is inviting you.


*Gathered around
Jesus*

*Bible Class in the
basement. Come
and find out what
it is all about.*

Everyone is welcome.

	Week of Schedule 05-10 to 05-16
Mon	Pastor's Family Day
Tues (11)	Board of Directors 7 pm Circuit Pastor Meeting 8 am to 12
Wed	Helping Hands, at 1:00 to 4 pm
Thur (13)	Pastor out of office
Fri (14)	Pastor out of office
Sun (16)	7th Sunday of Easter Services 9:30 am w/HC Bible Class 10:45 am

Needed per Week	\$3,225.02
Sunday Giving 05-02-21	\$2,215.00
Giving for missions	\$140.00
Sunday attendance 05-02-21	40
Members communed 05-02	35
Children in Church 05-02-21	4
Visitors 05-02-21	4
Bible Class 05-02-21	14
Sunday School 05-02-21	3-C 1-T
In The Word	8



WHAT SHE SAW CHANGED EVERYTHING

UNPLANNED

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All Abby Johnson ever wanted to do was help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the states, she was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women about their reproductive choices. Her passion surrounding a woman's right to choose even led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood, fighting to enact legislation for the cause she so deeply believed in.

Until the day she saw something that changed everything, leading Abby Johnson to join her former enemies at 40 Days For Life, & become one of the most ardent pro-life speakers ever.

FREE MOVIE!!! – “UNPLANNED”

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12 at 7 p.m.

Abby Johnson's True Pro-Life Story

Sponsor: Crawford County Right to Life

Audience: Youth and Adults

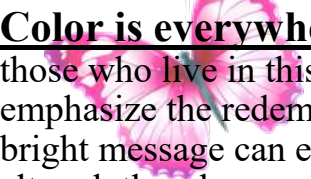
Where: Our Savior Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, Denison

Rating: Rated R because of some disturbing/bloody images—

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Contact Information: 712-263-5579

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 serve us exceptionally well!

White

White is the color of purity and completeness. The theme for the "great fifty days" of Easter is supported by the use of white. This color, used primarily during these Sundays, assists in bearing the message that "though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow." Christ's triumph from the grave on Resurrection day is the cause for our rejoicing. His purity before his Father becomes our purity. White reinforces that message of joy.

In addition to its use during Eastertide, white is the appointed color for such festive Sundays as Christmas and its twelve days; Epiphany (Jan. 6) and the first Sunday following it, observed as the Baptism of Our Lord; the Last Sunday after the Epiphany, also known as Transfiguration Sunday; Holy Trinity Sunday; and twenty-one minor festivals and occasions listed on the church year calendar in *Lutheran Service Book*. In all, white serves as the best festive color for the church year.

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY

Delores Boysen	May 7, 1939
Tasha Bridgman	May 22, 1994
Brian Brown	May 6, 1962
Alan Dale	May 13, 1995
Darlene Dose	May 20, 1934
Les Goslar	May 9, 1948
Darren Goslar	May 27, 1983
Zola Kafton	May 16, 1943
Taya Ohlmeier	May 3, 2009
Kathy Wunschel	May 18, 1958



We are listing
Baptismal birth-
days
to remember and
celebrate the day
we were
adopted into the
family of God

BIRTHDAYS

Name	Birthday
Evan Bruhn	May 15, 1969
Mark Greiner	May 14, 1954
Joe Krusen	May 09, 1983
Christopher LaBoube	May 15, 1973
Shawn Ohlmeier	May 06, 1982
Tyler Ohlmeier	May 11, 2004
Dawn Paulsen	May 16, 1968
Chelsey Paulsen	May 13, 2007
Betsy Scheer	May 11, 1989
Sarah Schmidt	May 02, 1981
Mark Witzel	May 04, 1959
Russell Wray	May 13, 1957



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*

80 + yr. Birthday God's Blessings

Ferne Jacobson	May 02, 1930 91
Richard Johnson	May 30, 1934 87
Deloris Livermore	May 05, 1929 92
Hans Witzel	May 15, 1935 86

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY God's Blessings

David and Belinda Bartels	May 15, 1970	51
Larry and Shelly Boyle	May 26, 1984	37
John and Joan Fick	May 27, 1956	65
Joseph and Marla Hogan	May 14, 2004	17
Wayne and Zola Kafton	May 5, 1963	58
Kenneth and Susan Krueger	May 11, 1973	48



*It is not in receiving
but in giving that you
will find lasting joy of
living. For share your
heart with God's love.*

Give the office a call or the Pastor...	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
Myrna Gosch

Carol Dose
Mavis Skow

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; ; **Cheri Moe**, niece of Dorothy Wessling. **Jerri Haindfield** of Marilyn & Duane Hamann

Those who serve 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 87 yrs. Jun 2, 1934
Main Street Apartments
516 Main Street Apt 2
Mapleton, IA 51034

George Koithan 89 yrs. Sept. 2, 1932
1726 Marcella Heights
Carroll, IA 51040

Delores Boysen 82 yrs. Mar. 5, 1939
3903 S.W. Hollowbrook St.
Bentonville, AR 72712

Delbert Kroll 87 yrs. Jun. 1, 1933
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

** indicates a new address

Those on our prayer list:

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

Selma Schrader
21 Ohm Drive
Mapleton, IA 51034

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

Tammy Bramley
42715 210th St.
Ute, IA 51060

Alan Bruhn
14535 Walnut Ave
Mapleton, IA 51034

Mavis Skow
102 North 6th Apt #1
Mapleton, IA 51034

Spread the Fruits of the Spirit:

***Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Gentleness,
Kindness, Self-Control, Goodness, and
Faithfulness.***

You will be rewarded





A Prayer for Mother's Day

Heavenly Father, Your Son in His incarnation took on our human flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. He submitted to His mother, honoring and obeying her, so fulfilling the commandment where we have not. On this Mother's Day, graciously accept our thanksgiving for our mothers, whom You have given to us. Teach us to honor them aright – loving, obeying and giving thanks for them, as is fitting in Your sight. Strengthen all women with child, and give them safe delivery. Comfort all women who long to have children but cannot, that they may find their consolation in You and Your unfailing love. Amen.





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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 e very Sunday am 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.



O God, we have come to You to thank You for the promise of God's Everlasting Love;
 we ask Your forgiveness for all of our sins we have done and would you guide us in Your
 way For Jesus' sake. Amen