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St Matthews Service

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"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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The Day of Pentecost

23 May 2021

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Mapleton, IA

Ezekiel 37:1–14 / Psalm 139:1–12 (13–16) / Acts 2:1–21 / John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

Sermon Title: *The Holy Spirit will bear witness about Jesus.*

Sermon Text: John 15:26-27; 16:4-15

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

Today is Pentecost Sunday. It is the day in the Church Year Calendar in which we acknowledge when God the Holy Spirit made a big impression. Now, granted, there are several events recorded in Scripture in which the Holy Spirit makes an appearance.

Today, though, we’re focusing on the importance of the Holy Spirit. Our second reading from Acts chapter two highlights an event in which the Holy Spirit prompted all the disciples to preach and teach in many different known languages. In that situation, the disciples were preaching to all the different people, who were in Jerusalem. The disciples preached in all the languages of those people. This was the work of the Holy Spirit.

God the Holy Spirit did this to show that the Good News about Jesus Christ is for ALL PEOPLE—not just Hebrew-speaking Jewish people. This is why such organizations as Lutheran Bible Translators exists—to help translate God’s Word into more languages so that more people around this world will have the opportunity to hear about how much Jesus loves them.

In our Gospel lesson from John chapter 15, Jesus tells the disciples that after he ascends into heaven that he will send God the Holy Spirit. This is good since Jesus won’t physically be present with his disciples—nor will he be physically present with us—he sent the Holy Spirit to offer us comfort and encouragement throughout all our days.

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Jesus tells us all about what to experience when he sends us the Holy Spirit. ²⁶ *“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me* (1 Cor. 12:3; 1 John 5:7). ²⁷ *And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.”* (John 15:26-27)

Jesus says that when he sends us the Holy Spirit, God the Holy Spirit will bear witness about him. John talks about this in First John chapter 5: *“This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree,”* (1 John 5:6-8)

The three elements testify that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God Most High. These three elements are water—blood—and the Holy Spirit. We know from Scripture that these three elements are what God the Father uses to prove to us that Jesus is who the Scriptures say he is. The purpose of the Holy Spirit is to point you to Jesus. The Holy Spirit does this work in you and me by using the truths of God’s Word that are already in your heart and mind to remind you of all kinds of things that God wants you to know. This is what we confess in the Apostles’ Creed: the Third Article Meaning:

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“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. // In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.” (Small Catechism)

God the Holy Spirit calls us by the preaching and teaching of the Gospel. You hear this Gospel preached here in church or on Christian radio. God the Holy Spirit enlightens you with His gifts—the sacraments of Holy Communion and Holy Baptism. God the Holy Spirit then sanctifies—or sets you apart—and keeps you in the one true faith written in the Scriptures for our learning. This is how you come to believe in Jesus Christ.

When you come to believe in Jesus then you start learning all kinds of things. Wonderful things about Jesus—how his mercies are new every morning—how he has promised to be with you always unto the end of your life—how he loves you and cares for you more than you can imagine.

Jesus continues: *“⁴ But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵ But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.”* (John 16:4-6)

Jesus says here that his disciples will be sad when Jesus goes back to be with God His Heavenly Father. We see this response of the disciples right after Jesus ascended back into heaven. And yet, these disciples were so focused on being sad at the fact that Jesus was going to leave them, that they were not thinking about the greater purpose of Jesus’ life, his teachings, his death, and his resurrection.

While the disciples were sad and looking up to the sky where they saw Jesus ascend, two angels came and talked with them and asked them why they were sad. *“And while [the disciples] were gazing into heaven as [Jesus] went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’”* (Acts 1:10-11)

We probably would have responded the same way—being so focused on the here and now and not even thinking about anything else. The disciples should have been thinking about the greater purpose of Jesus’ life, death and resurrection instead of just thinking about how sad they are that Jesus was going to leave them.

I’d say most of us live this way. There’s a time and place to think only about your personal situation, but there is also a time and place to think about the greater purpose and situation. And this is one of those times and places.

Instead of focusing on our own discomfort and frustrations with church—with fellow church members—let’s look at the greater situation. There is a huge spiritual war going on around us all the time. This spiritual battle is about you. The devil wants to pull you away from Jesus and get you to focus on your bellybutton. The devil wants you to focus on the frustrations and discomforts instead of focusing on the greater purpose of the church—to share the hope of Jesus with more people.

And this is another reason that Jesus sends us the Holy Spirit to live in each of us. *“⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.”* (John 16:7-11)

Here Jesus tells us that he has to go back to heaven to be with God our Heavenly Father in order that the Holy Spirit can come and teach us the Bible—and encourage us with His Word. The purpose of the Holy Spirit is to create faith in you and all people, and then to nurture that faith—to help that person grow in their faith.

The Holy Spirit reminds us of God’s Law when we need to hear what God expects us to do. The Holy Spirit reminds us of God’s Gospel when we need to be reminded of all that Jesus has done for you and me and all people through his life, death and resurrection.

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“And when [the Holy Spirit] comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.” (John 16:8-11)

Jesus says that when God the Holy Spirit comes into our lives, he will do three main tasks: *“he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment.”* One of the jobs of the Holy Spirit is to teach us all that Jesus wants us to know about himself. How does this teaching happen? Through the Bible. The Holy Spirit encourages you to read or listen to the Bible regularly. The Holy Spirit prompts you to study the Bible at church or at home. The Holy Spirit reminds you of the truths of God’s Word.

The Holy Spirit *“...will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me;”* This makes me ask the question: why don’t people believe in Jesus? Well, there are a lot of reasons. The main reason is that the devil has convinced many people that Jesus and the Bible are not true and are a fairytale.

The Holy Spirit *“...will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer;”*

The Holy Spirit will convict the world of sin, because a lot of people don’t believe in Jesus. The Holy Spirit will convict the world of *“...righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer;”*

So many people don’t believe in Jesus, because they have convinced themselves that they are really good by themselves. Many people consider themselves SELF-righteous. They don’t need someone else to make them good. This is one reason why Jesus sends the Holy Spirit—to remind us of the truth from the Bible that we poor miserable sinners are not good on our own—no matter how much we try to make ourselves think that we’re good. Jesus is the only person, who is righteous on his own merits. After all, Jesus IS righteousness incarnate. And Jesus makes us righteous by his own death and his own resurrection from the dead.

“And when [the Holy Spirit] comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.”

Jesus sends the Holy Spirit, who convicts the world of sin, because so many people have stopped believe in the One True God. The Holy Spirit also convicts the world of righteousness, because Jesus is the only one, who is righteous—no one on earth is righteous WITHOUT Jesus.

And the Holy Spirit convicts the world of judgement, *“...because the ruler of this world is judged.”* The devil prowls around this world looking for someone to devour—looking for someone to pull away from Jesus. The devil is the *“ruler of this world,”* because he was thrown out of heaven before the beginning of time. When Jesus overcame sin, death and the devil by his resurrection from the dead, he judged the devil and all his evil angels—he condemned the devil to eternal life in the ABSENCE of God our Heavenly Father.

Jesus concludes this part of John 16: *“¹² I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”* (John 16:4-15)

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Jesus promises here to send the Holy Spirit for our benefit. *“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”*

Here again Jesus points out that when the Holy Spirit comes, one of his jobs is to teach us the truth from the Bible. So, when you leave the church building today, and you start interacting with the secular world again, you will know what is true and what is a lie.

In order to help you know the truth, just open the Bible and listen or read the truth for yourself. If you have questions about what the Bible says on a certain topic, you can call or text me. You can also get a concordance—a book that lists key Bible words or phrases—and gives you biblical references with each of those key words or phrases.

You can also look up on websites like www.Biblegateway.com to see what the Bible says about a certain topic. There are a variety of online biblical resources to help you grow in your faith in Jesus Christ. There are also a variety of study materials that you can buy to help you dig further and know what the Bible says about a certain topic.

This is why Jesus sent the Holy Spirit at your baptism. Jesus wants you to know the truth that will set you free. You will only become free from sin, death and the devil by the work of Jesus in your life. The Holy Spirit will teach you all that you need to know about Jesus. And how do you find this truth—by reading or listening to the Bible. Seek the Lord our God. He wants to be in fellowship and communion with you. Amen.

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



A Prayer for Pentecost

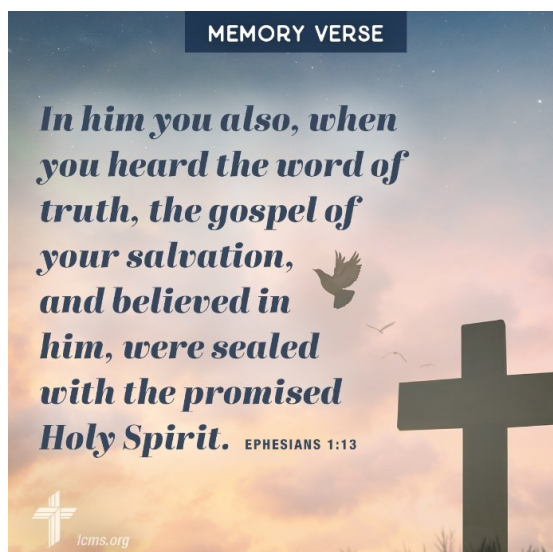
Almighty and ever-living God, You fulfilled Your promise by sending the gift of the Holy Spirit to unite disciples of all nations in the cross and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ. By the preaching of the Gospel spread this gift to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

The Holy Spirit Brings the Dead to Life by the Righteousness of Christ

In returning to His Father by way of the cross and resurrection, Christ Jesus sends *“the Helper”* to His Church, that is, *“the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father.”* The Spirit testifies of Christ and glorifies Him by taking what is His and declaring it to the world in the preaching of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (John 15:26; 16:7, 14). He convicts the world of sin by the word of the Law, He forgives sins and justifies sinners by the Word of the Gospel, and He bestows the faith that says *“Amen”* to this righteousness of God (John 16:8–11). Therefore, the Lord pours out His Spirit on the apostles, that by their preaching, the Spirit should be given to His entire Church. As the multitudes are gathered from all the nations by *“this sound,”* that is, by the preaching of *“the mighty works of God”* in Christ Jesus, so does God the Father pour out the Spirit of His Son *“on all flesh”* (Acts 2:6, 11, 17). The Lord God breathes upon the slain, and so shall they live; for so the Lord has spoken, and He shall do it (Ezek. 37:5–14).

Memory Verse Challenge From The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

The church confesses to Christ, *“You have the words of eternal life”* (John 6:68). The church is encouraged to *“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly ...”* (Col. 3:16). Psalm 1 teaches us to meditate on God’s Word day and night. It is our great opportunity and joy to read and study God’s Word. One beneficial practice is to memorize the Scriptures and, in so doing, to meditate on it. The LCMS invites everyone to join together memorizing a verse together each week. This week’s verse is:





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)

Sanctification Test—Will this keep me from growing in the character of Christ? *“And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.”* (2 Corinthians 3:18)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Take PRIDE in your church building and help out, **everyone** on **2nd Monday** of the month beginning at 9 am or whenever you can come, we (men and women) will be cleaning the church. **Please** we need your help if you are available. This is under the direction of Lin Scott.

While Pastor is at his Continuing Ed Workshop out of town, Pastor Peitsch will be on call 1(515) 570-8078. President: Mark Witzel: (790) 500-8902 Head Elder: Jeff Krusen (712) 840-9821

HELPING HANDS QUILTERS: There will be no quilting in JUNE. We will start up again on Wednesday, July 7. Come and join us as we serve others with our gifts, have fellowship and conversations.

Castana Ladies Aid inviting our ladies group to brunch at UCC Church on 06-10-2021 at 9:30 a.m. RSVP by Jun. 3 call 712-353-6576 to Cathy Hanson at 34506 Hwy 34, Castana, IA

	<u>Week of Schedule 05-24 to 05-30</u>
	Pastor's Family Day
Mon 24	Pastor continuing Ed workshop
Tues 25	Pastor continuing Ed workshop
Wed 26	Helping Hands, no quilting Pastor continuing Ed workshop
	Holy Trinity 9:30 am Bible Class 10:45 am
Sun 30	Sunday School 10:45 am

Needed per Week	\$3,225.02
Sunday Giving 05-16-21	\$1,480.00
Giving for missions	\$0.00
Sunday attendance 05-16-21	61
Members communed	47
Children in Church 05-16-21	3
Visitors 05-16-21	17
Bible Class 05-16-21	11
Sunday School 05-16-21	3-C / 1-T

Of Power, Grace, and Glory



THE LORD'S PRAYER—THE SECOND PETITION

Thy kingdom come.

What does this mean? The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God's kingdom come? God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

The time has come," He said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news! (Mark 1:15)

FOR SHARING

1. What comes to mind when you hear the phrase "kingdom of God"? What positive and negative connotations does the word *kingdom* have today?
2. Throughout history, subjects have often rebelled or revolted against kings and kingdoms. In what ways do we rebel against the King of the universe?
3. Jesus' public preaching ministry began with the call to repent and believe the Good News (Mark 1:15). How are these words summarize His work? How do His words apply to you every day?
4. St. Paul writes, God "has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins" (Colossians 1:13). How has the Spirit brought you into God's kingdom? How does the Spirit keep you in the kingdom?
5. God rules over the whole universe (the Kingdom of Power), over the church on earth (the Kingdom of Grace), and over the church and angels in heaven (the Kingdom of Glory). How does God's rule in all three kingdoms give you comfort and hope today?

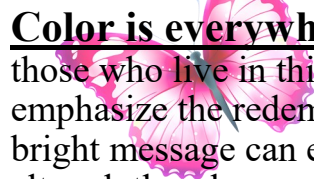
PRAYER

[Father,] Your kingdom come. Guard Your domain And Your eternal righteous reign.
The Holy [Spirit] enrich our day With gifts attendant on our way.
Break Satan's pow'r, defeat his rage; Preserve Your Church from age to age.

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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!

Red

Finally, red completes the acronym, "Bg-Bgs-Pwr." Red is a power color and is appropriate for use on Pentecost Sunday. On this day we remember the power and fire of "the Lord and Giver of Life," who revealed himself as the promised one. The color red communicates the motif of strength-strength and power the Holy Spirit gives in order for God's people to call on the name of Jesus Christ and share that powerful name with others.

There is no question that red is a compelling festive color. Consequently, it serves well as the traditional color for the heroic martyrs of the church. The *Lutheran Service Book* church year calendar provides propers for sixteen martyr festivals and recommends red as the appropriate color. Their red blood shed in defense of the Gospel offers perpetual encouragement for God's people to be resolute in living the faith.

Additional uses of red are Reformation Sunday; Holy Cross Day (Sept. 14); on such festive occasions as dedications, anniversaries of a congregation and its physical structure; festive days celebrating the office of the public ministry, such as ordination and installation.

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY

Delores Boysen	May 07, 1939
Tasha Bridgman	May 22, 1994
Brian Brown	May 06, 1962
Alan Dale	May 13, 1995
Darlene Dose	May 20, 1934
Les Goslar	May 09, 1948
Darren Goslar	May 27, 1983
Zola Kafton	May 16, 1943
Taya Ohlmeier	May 03, 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 05, 1963 58
Kenneth and Susan Krueger	May 11, 1973 48



Jesus is inviting you.

*Gathered around
Jesus*

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

Everyone is welcome.

*In His Footsteps: God
is our Light, let it
shine bright to others
and show them the
way.*

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.

** indicates a new address

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

Those on our prayer list:

Nazaria Kaderabek
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Selma Schrader
 21 Ohm Drive
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Sheri Heilman
 (Sue Oberg's sister)
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Tammy Bramley
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Alan Bruhn
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 Mapleton, IA 51034

Mavis Skow
 102 North 6th Apt #1
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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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LET'S STAY CONNECTED OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO CONTINUE TO FILL UP WITH JESUS BY READING AND LISTENING TO THE BIBLE: **St. Matthew Lutheran Church Service at 9:30 am** every Sunday 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 **“THE 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.



Lord, Keep me safe from the enemy that wants to stop me today. Please make me strong so I do not fall into temptation. Help me Lord to stand firm. I know you have won the victory over Satan. Please help me to overcome temptations. Help me to not come frustrated and disappointed. Help me Lord and let your name be proclaimed in my life by my actions. Amen.