



THE  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
MISSOURI SYNOD

# St Matthews Service

Rev. Christopher LaBoube

*June 20, 2021*

*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

"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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Back to the Basics”  
A Review of our Christian Faith

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
20 June 2021

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Mapleton, IA  
Job 38:1–11 / Psalm 124 / 2 Corinthians 6:1–13 / Mark 4:35–41

Sermon Title: Confessing Your Sins and Receiving Absolution  
Sermon Text: 2 Samuel 11:1-12; Psalm 51

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

Today is the third week of our summer sermon series and Bible study. The last two weeks we talked about the Ten Commandments. We’re using *Luther’s Small Catechism* as our outline for each week’s topic, but we’re not going to follow the *Small Catechism* from front to back one topic right after the other. Instead, we’re going jump around through the different topics in *Luther’s Small Catechism*.

Today and next Sunday we’re going to talk about Confession and Absolution and the Office of the Keys. Confession is when we admit that we did or said something wrong against God and against someone else, and Absolution is the forgiveness you receive after you confess your sins to God or to another Christian friend.

The Office of the Keys is the office of the pastor—the authority that God gives to his church to preach and teach God’s Word—and to forgive people, who admit that they did or said something wrong OR to withhold forgiveness when the person refuses to admit that he said or did something wrong.

Confessing your sins is something we should do regularly, because we sin regularly. Sometimes we don’t even have to try to sin, and we just naturally do it. But John the Apostle tells us: “*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*” (1 John 1:9)

It’s that simple. Sure, you might think that you have do something else to get back into right favor with God, but you don’t. When you confess your sins, God forgives you. That’s it. You are forgiven. But if you don’t confess your sins, then God will not forgive you.

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We see in our lesson today how God prompted King David to confess his sins and then receive God’s gracious forgiveness. “*In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel. And they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah (Deut. 3:11). But David remained at Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking on the roof of the king’s house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful. <sup>3</sup> And David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, ‘Is not this Bathsheba (1 Chronicles 3:5 & note), the daughter of Eliam, the wife of*

*Uriah the Hittite?’* <sup>4</sup> *So David sent messengers and took her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she had been purifying herself from her uncleanness.) Then she returned to her house.*

<sup>5</sup> *And the woman conceived, and she sent and told David, ‘I am pregnant.’”* (2 Samuel 11:1-5)

Here King David hasn’t gone out to battle—for some reason, he has stayed home. Instead, one day while he was leisurely walking along the roof of his palace and he saw a woman bathing at home. He told one of his servants to bring that woman to him. Never mind that this woman was married to another man named Uriah.

David had sex with this married woman, and she got pregnant. So, then David tried to cover up his sin by committing more sins. After King David found out he got another man’s wife pregnant, this is what the Prophet Samuel wrote: <sup>14</sup> *In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah.* <sup>15</sup> *In the letter he wrote, ‘Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, that he may be struck down, and die.’* <sup>16</sup> *And as Joab was besieging the city, he assigned Uriah to the place where he knew there were valiant men.* <sup>17</sup> *And the men of the city came out and fought with Joab, and some of the servants of David among the people fell. Uriah the Hittite also died.”* (2 Samuel 11:14-17)

After King David had Uriah, this woman’s husband, killed in battle, he is then confronted by the Prophet Nathan, who tells him that he has sinned greatly against God and against other people. God then prompts King David to confess his sins and to receive God’s gracious life-giving forgiveness. King David then wrote Psalm 51 as a result of his confessing his sins and receive God’s forgiveness. Here are the first twelve verses:

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*1 Have mercy on me (see Ps. 4:1), O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! 3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. 4 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. 5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. 6 Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. 8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. 9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. 11 Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.”* (Psalm 51:1-12)

There are a lot of passages that talk about confessing your sins and receiving absolution—that is forgiveness from the pastor and from God, but this psalm is great to read and pray to help you to confess your sins and then to receive God’s forgiveness.

King David wrote this psalm after the Prophet Nathan had confronted him about getting another man’s wife pregnant and then having that man killed. King David was obviously repentant and realized that he had sinned against God and against Uriah, one of his soldiers.

King David concludes Psalm 51 this way: *13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. 14 Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness. 15 O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. 16 For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased*

*with a burnt offering. 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. 18 Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem; 19 then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.”* (Psalm 51:13-19)

As you read through this psalm, you’ll notice that King David starts out with a repentant heart. He is truly sorry for all that he did—got another man’s wife pregnant, then had that man killed. As the psalm continues, you see how he remembers the truth from God’s Word that when we confess our sins, God will forgive you of your sins.

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Verses 16 and 17 highlight this point: *“For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.”* When it comes to your sin, God is interested in only one thing—for you to realize how you have sinned against God and against someone else—AND that you can receive his gracious, life-giving forgiveness for your sins.

When you have *“...a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart...”*, you recognize that you’re not perfect. You remember what King David wrote in verse 5: *“Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.”*

Sometimes you might not always want to acknowledge that you have said or did something against God and against someone else. If that’s the case, then there’s a problem. God says that if you don’t confess your sins, then he will not forgive you of your sins. There are no ifs, ands or buts when it comes to God and his Holy Word.

*“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* (1 John 1:9) This is basically what King David prayed in Psalm 51. So where do you go from here.

*Luther’s Small Catechism* helps us to know where we go from here. In the section titled “Confession and Office of the Keys” we read: “What sins should we confess? Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord’s Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.” (Small Catechism: Confession Q2)

Whatever is going on in your life, think about what you said or did against God and someone else, and that is the sin you need to confess to God and receive His forgiveness. You can also confess your sins to another person—a pastor, an elder, a trusted Christian friend, who then should speak God’s Word of forgiveness to you.

But what if you don’t know if you have sinned against God and against someone else. Then we look again to *Luther’s Small Catechism* in the same section titled “Confession and the Office of the Keys” which says to “Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? // Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? // Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? // Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? // Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?” (Small Catechism: Confession Q3)

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These questions are simply to help you see sin in your life where you might not see any sin. The questions are simply to help you think about your current situation and your position in society and how you have said or did something against God or against someone else.

Basically the questions get to YOUR heart. As a husband or father, have you sinned against your wife or children? As a wife or mother, have you sinned against your husband or children? Have you stolen anything—even from the internet? Have you been negligent with the resources and money that God has asked you to be a good steward of? Have you wasted anything God has given you?

These are the same questions that the Prophet Nathan confronted King David with. King David had sinned greatly against God and against one of his soldiers—and the wife of that soldier. The Prophet Nathan spoke the harsh Law to King David, and King David responded with a repentant heart willing to hear and bear the punishment of his sins. King David's punishment in 2 Samuel chapter 11 and 12 is that his baby, born to the wife of one of his deceased soldiers, died.

That might be extreme, but God knows best—every time. God says: *“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”* (Isaiah 55:8-9)

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God knows why “bad things” happen to you. God also knows why “good things” happen in your life. But in every situation, we are to fear, love and trust in God above ALL things. God, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, is so interested in you and me and all people that he sent his one- and only-begotten Son, Jesus into this world.

This is what we read in John chapter 3 verse 17: *“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”* (John 3:17) That's comforting. It's encouraging to know that God loves you and me and all people, and that he has gone to extreme lengths just to make this fact known to you. He gave you the Bible so you can regularly read or listen to the truth and he gave you Jesus. 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.



### A Prayer for Father's Day 2021

Almighty and gracious God, in every age you have inspired men to labor, with hearts united, in your kingdom. Continue to grant to the men of this congregation faithfulness in serving you in their respective families, in our congregation, and in this community. May these men continue to uphold the truth of your Word that they may respond to your redeeming love in Christ Jesus by devoting themselves to seeking and doing your holy will and following in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



## Back to the Basics A Review of our Christian Faith June—August 2021

One thing that is really fun about this summer sermon series and Bible study is how we refresh our memory of things we learned a long time ago: “Oh yeah. I remember studying that in Confirmation class.” During this *Small Catechism* study, I have three goals for our weekly discussions:

See how you can take to heart the subtitle of each section in *Luther’s Small Catechism*: “As the head of the family should teach...in a simple way to his household.” What one action can you take as you teach your children (even grown kids) the truths of the Bible summarized in *Luther’s Small Catechism*?

See how you can become comfortable with your Bible by keeping the following truth in mind. **4. Words do things.** Words do more than just convey information. People use words purposefully: to instruct, encourage, warn, comfort. Bible passages also have varying goals. It is important to ask: What is the author of this passage trying to do to his hearers? Is he warning against a certain sin or danger? Encouraging the persecuted? Humbling the arrogant? Assuring sinners of God’s mercy? Training Christians to godly living? Instilling the hope of heaven? The question is not simply or subjectively “What does this passage mean to me?” The question is this: “What was this biblical writer trying to say—and do—to his readers?” And in light of that, “What is God saying here—and doing here—to me?” Amidst these varied goals, the Bible’s chief goal must not be lost: to proclaim Jesus as Savior and to draw sinners to life through faith in Him. In view of this, Lutherans stress the twin emphases of Law and Gospel in Bible interpretation. With most texts, one can ask two key questions: First, how does this text and divine judgement? This is Law. Second, how does this passage point to Jesus Christ as my divine Savior, who has worked such a rescue and promises me eternal life? This is Gospel.

Check out the “Table of Duties” at the end of *Luther’s Small Catechism* for specific take-home points.

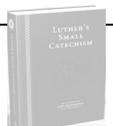
Please join us in the adult Bible class as we dig a little deeper into each part of Luther’s Small Catechism that is featured in the sermon that Sunday. You don’t need to know everything about the Bible before coming, and all kinds of questions are welcome.

And how is your Bible reading plan coming along? The point of every Bible reading plan is simply to help you develop a habit of regular reading or listening to God’s Word. Call the church office if you lost your Bible reading plan or go on the church’s website under “Our Church” and then “Newsletters.” Look for the PDF titled “New Testament 3 Month Plan.”

<b>3 Month Reading Plan</b>		
<b>Entire New Testament</b>		
<b>June 1--August 31, 2021</b>		
	DAY	TOPIC
TUE	6/1/2021	Matthew 1-3
	6/2/2021	Matthew 4-6
	6/3/2021	Matthew 7-9
	6/4/2021	Matthew 10-12
	6/5/2021	Matthew 13-15
SUN	6/6/2021	Matthew 16-18
	6/7/2021	Matthew 19-21
	6/8/2021	Matthew 22-24
	6/9/2021	Matthew 25-27
	6/10/2021	Mat. 28-Mark 2
	6/11/2021	Mark 3-5
	6/12/2021	Mark 6-8
SUN	6/13/2021	Mark 9-11
	6/14/2021	Mark 12-14
	6/15/2021	Mark 15-Luke 1
	6/16/2021	** FREE DAY **
	6/17/2021	Luke 2-4
	6/18/2021	Luke 5-7
	6/19/2021	Luke 8-10
SUN	6/20/2021	Luke 11-13
	6/21/2021	Luke 14-16
	6/22/2021	Luke 17-19
	6/23/2021	Luke 20-22
	6/24/2021	Luke 23-John 1
	6/25/2021	John 2-4
	6/26/2021	John 5-7
SUN	6/27/2021	John 8-10
	6/28/2021	John 11-13
	6/29/2021	John 14-16
	6/30/2021	John 17-19
	7/1/2021	** FREE DAY **
	7/2/2021	John 20-Acts 1
	7/3/2021	Acts 2-4
SUN	7/4/2021	Acts 5-7
	7/5/2021	Acts 8-10
	7/6/2021	Acts 11-13
	7/7/2021	Acts 14-16
	7/8/2021	Acts 17-19
	7/9/2021	Acts 20-22

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<b>June 1--August 31, 2021</b>		
	DAY	TOPIC
	7/10/2021	Acts 23-25
SUN	7/11/2021	Acts 26-28
	7/12/2021	Romans 1-3
	7/13/2021	Romans 4-6
	7/14/2021	Romans 7-9
	7/15/2021	Romans 10-12
	7/16/2021	** FREE DAY **
	7/17/2021	Romans 13-15
SUN	7/18/2021	Rom. 16-1 Corin. 2
	7/19/2021	1 Corinthians 3-5
	7/20/2021	1 Corinthians 6-8
	7/21/2021	1 Corinthians 9-11
	7/22/2021	1 Corinthians 12-14
	7/23/2021	1 Corin 15-2 Corin 1
	7/24/2021	2 Corinthians 2-4
SUN	7/25/2021	2 Corinthians 5-7
	7/26/2021	2 Corinthians 8-10
	7/27/2021	2 Corinthians 11-13
	7/28/2021	Galatians 1-3
	7/29/2021	Galatians 4-6
	7/30/2021	Ephesians 1-3
	7/31/2021	Ephesians 4-6
SUN	8/1/2021	** FREE DAY **
	8/2/2021	Philippians 1-3
	8/3/2021	Phil. 4-Col. 2
	8/4/2021	Col. 3-1 Thess. 1
	8/5/2021	1 Thessalonians 2-4
	8/6/2021	1 Thess 5-2 Thess 2
	8/7/2021	2 Thess 3-1 Tim 2
SUN	8/8/2021	1 Timothy 3-5
	8/9/2021	1 Tim 6-2 Tim 2
	8/10/2021	2 Tim 3-Titus
	8/11/2021	Philemon-Heb 2
	8/12/2021	Hebrews 3-5
	8/13/2021	Hebrews 6-8
	8/14/2021	Hebrews 9-11
SUN	8/15/2021	Heb. 12-James 1
	8/16/2021	** FREE DAY **
	8/17/2021	James 2-4

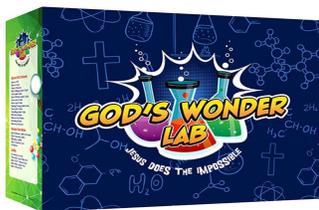
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Entire New Testament	
June 1--August 31, 2021	
DAY	TOPIC
8/18/2021	James 5-1 Peter 2
8/19/2021	1 Peter 3-5
8/20/2021	2 Peter 1-3
8/21/2021	1 John 1-3
SUN **Aug. 22	1 John 4-5
8/23/2021	2-3 John
8/24/2021	Revelation 1-3
8/25/2021	Revelation 4-6
8/26/2021	Revelation 7-9
8/27/2021	Revelation 10-12
8/28/2021	Revelation 13-15
SUN 8/29/2021	Revelation 16-18
8/30/2021	Revelation 19-20
8/31/2021	Revelation 21-22
Where do you go from here? How about find another Bible reading plan or ask the pastor to help you get started.	
August 22: St. Matthew LC, Mission Festival @ Mission Central	

3 Month Reading Plan	
Entire New Testament	
June 1--August 31, 2021	
 <p>During the summer months of June, July and August, we're going to get back to the basics of the Christian faith which are summarized in <i>Luther's Small Catechism</i>.</p>	
 <p>I want to encourage you to read through the entire New Testament during these three months. Just read three chapters a day and you'll complete the reading plan!</p>	
 <p>During this summer sermon series, please pray for your fellow church members, who regularly attend and who haven't been in worship for a long time. Then call, text or visit them.</p>	

Pastor LaBoube will attend a Continuing Education Workshop in Le Mars June 28-July 1. Pastor Nathan Peitsch will be on call. His phone number is listed in the bulletin. If you need pastoral care, please call Jeff Krusen, Head Elder, or Mark Witzel, President.  
 Pastor Nathan Peitsch **(515)-570-8078**  
 Jeff Krusen, Head Elder **(712) 840-9821**  
 Mark Witzel, **(760)500-8902**

Our summer sermon series and Bible study using *Luther's Small Catechism* will cover the six chief parts of the Christian faith. Dig out your old copy the *Small Catechism*, and review the questions and Bible passages in each section that we're talking about each week. If you don't have a copy of the *Small Catechism* or you want to get an updated version, you can call Concordia Publishing House (Phone: 800-325-3040) and order *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation* for \$15.99. (Item Number: # 223203)  
 You can also go online and order a new copy of the Small Catechism by checking out [www.cph.org](http://www.cph.org).  
 On Concordia Publishing House's website, you'll find another resource that all Lutherans should have and read: *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions. A Reader's Edition*. This book is also known as the *Book of Concord* and contains all the historical documents that talk specifically about why we are Lutherans. At the beginning of this *Book of Concord*, there is a reading plan to help you read through all the theological documents so you don't have to feel overwhelmed as to where to start. The *Book of Concord* is currently on sale through July 31 for \$24.99. The regular price is \$34.99. (Item Number: 531154)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



VBS JULY 12-13-14

From 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm .

If you can help us Contact:

Marla Hogan 215-287-0725

Church Office 712-881-2243

Under the direction of **Marla Hogan, Director of Christian Ed.**

### **WANT TO HELP US OUT?**

Come to God's Wonder Lab.

Donations Need:

1. Your Time
2. 3 Child's buckets (borrow)
3. 3-6 5 gallon buckets (borrow)
4. Pkg Lg Solo Cups
5. 6 Hula Hoops (may borrow)
6. 6 Lg sponges
7. Colored Dot Stickers 4 different colors
8. Masking take
9. Streamers (crepe paper)
10. Parachute or Lg Sheet (may borrow)

**MASKS ARE REQUIRED** and will be provided

**AGES 5-10 YR. OLD, K-5 TH.**

REGISTER SOON SO THE COMMITTEE CAN PLAN. THANK YOU

11. Balloons
12. Bubbles
13. Containers to make sand art in
14. Baggies—gallon
15. Food coloring
16. Dish soap
17. Bingo Daubers
18. Vegetable Oil

Memory Verse Challenge

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

<https://www.lcms.org/worship/memory-verse-challenge>

Week of June 20

Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love,  
for in you I trust.

Make me know the way I should go,  
for to you I lift up my soul. **Psalm 143:8**

Let the morning  
bring me word of  
your unfailing love,  
*for I have put  
my trust in you.*

Show me the way  
I should go, for to  
you I entrust my life.

—Psalm 143:8

## BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY

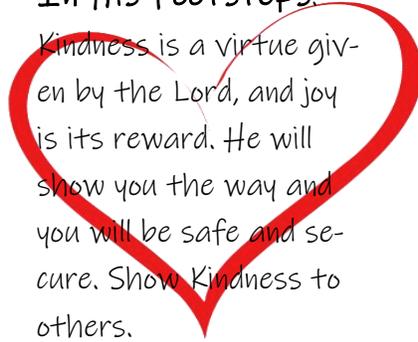
Name	Date
Bonnie Banks	06/02/1934
Jennifer Goslar	06/10/1975
Mark Greiner	06/14/1954
Ferne Jacobson	06/30/1930
Kay Johnson	06/08/1941
Joe Krusen	06/12/1983
Deloris Livermore	06/09/1929
Tyler Ohlmeier	06/06/2004
Shawn Ohlmeier	06/26/1983
Weston Scheer	06/28/2015
Sarah Schmidt	06/14/1981
Mark Witzel	06/1959



We are listing  
Baptismal birthdays  
to remember and cele-  
brate the day we were  
adopted into the family of  
God through the washing  
of the

### In His Footsteps:

Kindness is a virtue giv-  
en by the Lord, and joy  
is its reward. He will  
show you the way and  
you will be safe and se-  
cure. Show Kindness to  
others.



## BIRTHDAYS

Name	Birthday
Julie Bollig	6/18/1968
Nathan Brodersen	6/26/1981
Brenda Brown	6/26/1963
Byron Bruhn	6/11/1967
Hudson Bruhn	6/20/2011
Jared Bruhn	6/23/1986
Zachery Goslar	6/16/1993
Karen Kueny	6/8/1948
Durene Marsh	6/7/1960
Randi Meseck	6/20/1948
Makenna Meseck	6/20/2006
Jeannette Riesberg	6/30/1957
Diana Schauer	6/27/1964
Dorothy Wessling	6/29/1942

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY God's Blessings

Russell and Roxie Wray	Jun 09, 1984	37
Marvin and Karen Koch	Jun 13, 1970	51
Melvin and Selma Schrader	Jun 15, 1961	60
Robert and Wanda Andre	Jun 23, 1968	53
Doc and Kay Johnson	Jun 23, 1962	59
Kurt and Sarah Schmidt	Jun 23, 2001	20
Grant and Shirley Scoles	Jun 28, 1963	58
Brent and Laurie Streck	Jun 28, 1997	24



## 80 + yr. Birthday God's Blessings

Bonnie Banks	Jun 2, 1934	87
Phyllis Fick	Jun 3, 1928	93
Roger Ingram	Jun 12, 1935	86
Delbert Kroll	Jun 1, 1933	88
Sharon Pope	Jun 16, 1940	81
Ernest Witzel	Jun 18, 1936	85

<u>Week of Schedule 06-21 to 06-27</u>	
Mon 21	Pastor's Family Day
Sun 27	5th Sun. after Pentecost 10 am services Duane Hamann Elder Mark Witzel Reader Dennis Muckey Screens Bible Class 11:45 am Sunday School 11:45 am

Needed per Week	\$3,225.02
Sunday Giving 06-06-21	\$2,315.00
Utilities 06-13-21	\$100.00
Sunday Giving 06-13-21	\$2,260.00
Sunday attendance 06-13-21	46
Members communed	NA
Children in Church 06-13-21	1
Visitors 06-13-21	4
Bible Class 06-13-21	16
Sunday School 06-13-21	NA
In The Word 07-01-21	

<b><u>Give the office a call or the Pastor...</u></b>	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      Melvin & Selma Schrader      Alan Bruhn  
Myrna Gosch      Mavis Skow      Peg Jacobsen      Bill Prichard  
Mark Witzel

**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; **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:**

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**Carol Dose**  
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**Bill Pritchard**  
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**Mavis Skow**  
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Mapleton, IA 51034

**Mark Witzel**  
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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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Dear Lord, Forgive me for all my sins. Fill me with Your love and remove all that is turning me away from You and let the Holy Spirit work in my heart To be more like You every day. Forgive me for the countless times I have let You down. Jesus, I need you. I thank You for all Your blessings and love that You have given me and my family, some that I'm not even aware of. Build my trust in You Jesus and let me show others of You through my actions. Amen.