



THE
LUTHERAN CHURCH
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St Matthews Service

Rev. Christopher LaBoube

June 27, 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

5th Sunday after Pentecost
27 June 2021

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Mapleton, IA
Lamentations 3:22–33 / Psalm 30 / 2 Corinthians 8:1–9, 13–15 / Mark 5:21–43

Sermon Title: The Office of the Keys
Sermon Text: John 20:19-23; Matthew 16:13-19

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

As we continue through this summer sermon series and Bible study, we’re using Luther’s Small Catechism as an outline to talk about the six chief parts of the Christian faith found in the Bible. Last Sunday we talked about the importance of confessing our sins to God and to a fellow Christian friend or pastor and then receiving God’s gracious, life-giving forgiveness.

Today we’re going to look at the second part of Confession and Absolution, which talks about the Office of the Keys—or as I tell the confirmands—the Office of the Pastor. This is a command and instruction from God to all pastors to preach and teaching only the truth from the Bible, and to pronounce biblical forgiveness to those people, who confess their sins.

One place where we see Jesus talking about setting apart some men to be spiritual leaders is found in John chapter 20. In this passage, Jesus actually sets apart the disciples, who will preach and teach God’s Word, and who will pronounce God’s forgiveness to repentant people.

“¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews,³ Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.’ ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.’” (John 20:19-23)

Now, the whole idea of one person being given God’s authority to forgive someone else’s sins can seem strange to our American thinking. I can immediately hear some folks say that they don’t need a pastor to forgive them—that they pray to God and he forgives them.

It is true that God does forgive all sins that you confess. It is also true that God has set apart some men to preach and teach God’s Word and to pronounce forgiveness to people, who confess their sins. When I confess my sins to God, I know that my sins are forgiven.

Sometimes, though, I really want to hear another person—a pastor in particular—to speak forgiveness from God’s Word. There is something comforting after I confess my sins to the pastor, and

then he forgives me according to God's Word. If you have never gone through Confession and Absolution with a pastor, I highly encourage you to do so. It can be very therapeutic.

In this reading from John chapter 20 that he sets apart those disciples—and then sets apart other men to be pastors—to preach and teach only the truth from the Bible, and to pronounce forgiveness to people, who confess their sins.

Of course, Jesus is very clear that people, who do not repent—people, who hold back their confession and refuse to confess their sins—those people are not forgiven. If you don't confess your sins to God or to the pastor, God says he will not forgive you. This is what John the Apostle writes in First John:

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. // If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. // If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.” (1 John 1:8-10)

Confessing your sins might be hard, but it is the best thing you can do in your life. When you confess your sins—as we just heard from First John chapter one—God is faithful and just to forgive your sins. It's that easy, and God really means it when he forgives you of the sins you have done or said against him and someone else.

Confessing your sins and receiving Absolution—that is, forgiveness—truly can be a life-giving experience. Just suck it up and admit that you said or did something against God and someone else. Confess your sins to a pastor, and then be reminded of the truths from God's Word for your specific life. This is why God sets apart some men to be pastors so that they can preach and teach God's Word and to pronounce forgiveness of sins.

In addition to Jesus instituting the Office of the Keys—the Office of the Pastor—in John chapter 20, Jesus also sets apart men to preach and teach God's Word, and to speak forgiveness from God's Word to people, who repent of their sins, as recorded in Matthew chapter 16. Before Jesus institutes the Office of the Keys in Matthew's Gospel, he asks the apostles a thought-provoking question.

“¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ ¹⁴ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ ¹⁵ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’” (Matthew 16:13-15)

Jesus begins this conversation with what sounds like a public poll—finding out who people think Jesus really is. Some people think Jesus is all these different prophets, who came before Jesus. But then Jesus gets to the heart of his question: *“He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’”*

This is the real question. Jesus isn't interested in who everyone else thinks about himself. Jesus wants to hear these men, who have been following him for some time now, say out their mouths

what they really believe about Jesus. And Peter is the first to jump to answer.

“¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’ ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.’ ²⁰ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.” (Matthew 16:13-19)

Peter quickly answers Jesus what he believes—that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah promised from the beginning of time. Jesus then commends Peter for his confession, saying that God the Holy Spirit created faith in Peter and the Holy Spirit encouraged Peter to confess that Jesus is the Messiah.

Then, Jesus institutes the Office of the Keys—the Office of the Pastor—just as he did in our reading from John chapter 20: *“And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”* (Matthew 16.18-19)

Here it sounds like Jesus is building the entire Christian church on the shoulders of Peter, but that’s not what is happening. Jesus would never build HIS church on one person—particularly when that one person was not God. Jesus, with the work of the Holy Spirit, builds his church on HIMSELF.

The Christian church that has existed since the time of the Acts of the Apostles, “has been built upon the ministry of the confession Peter made, in which he proclaims that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.” (Lutheran Study Bible note Matt. 16:19) And when Jesus is talking about “the church” he is talking about the Body of Believers, who gather in the Name of Jesus to receive from God all that he wants to give them.

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Jesus points out that Peter’s confession is the core belief from the Scriptures of who Jesus really is. Then, Jesus says that Peter’s confession is the foundation on which the visible, Christian church will be established here on earth. Peter’s confession is what Jesus wants all believers to confess about himself—that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God Most High. And when all believers basically confess the same thing as Peter, then the Body of Christ—the visible church on earth—grows and is built up in love and in unity of the Holy Spirit.

After Jesus points out Peter's confession, Jesus sets apart his disciples—and then all men, who come after them, who will preach and teach God's Word, and who will listen to people confessing their sins and then that pastor will speak absolution—that is forgiveness from God's Word—to those people. Here Jesus sets apart some men to fill the Office of the Keys—or the Office of the Pastor.

In First Corinthians and Ephesians, Paul reiterates what Jesus has done as he has organized the visible, Christian church here and now. Jesus sets apart some men to be pastors, who will preach and teach God's Word, and who will listen to people confess their sins and then absolve those people of their sins.

This is what Paul says in Ephesians chapter 4: *“And [Jesus] gave the apostles, the prophets (1 Corin. 12:28), the evangelists (2 Tim. 4:5), the shepherds (Jer. 3:15; Acts 20:28) and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ...”* (Ephesians 4:11-12)

Jesus grows and builds up the Body of Christ—each individual congregation of believers throughout the world—by the work of the Holy Spirit in their midst. As part of equipping the Body of Christ, Jesus first sets apart men to preach and teach God's Word, and to pronounce forgiveness of sins to people, who confess their sins.

We see this idea in the Book of Hebrews. The writer of Hebrews reminds us how priests were set apart by God through Moses: *“For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.”* (Hebrews 5:1, 4)

First of all, it is God who calls men to preach and teach God's Word, and to pronounce forgiveness of sins. God sets apart men to be pastors and priests. Men don't set apart themselves to be priests and pastors. God sets apart men to preach and teach God's Word.

In addition to pastors and priests, the writer of Hebrews explains WHY Jesus does this: *“...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ...”* The main purpose of the pastor and priest is to build up the Body of Christ. The pastor or priest works to build up the Body of Christ through the preaching and teaching of God's Holy Word, pronouncing the forgiveness of sins to repentant sinners, and to offer Holy Communion and Baptism to those who desire it.

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I thank God that our congregation has a handful of people, who also teach, according to their interests and skills. Some teach the children and some people teach the adult Bible class. These are ways that the Body of Christ is built up to do the work of ministry that God the Holy Spirit calls us to do. These teachers are another way that Jesus *“equip[s] the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ...”*

The work of the ministry that God calls us to do focuses on God's Word. This is what we see 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,"²⁰ 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)

As the church—as part of the Body of Christ—we are able to preach and teach and encourage people to grow in their faith when we ourselves are fed regularly with God's Word. We are also able to help make disciples of Jesus and to bring them to the waters of baptism when we confess our own sins and receive God's gracious, life-giving forgiveness of our sins.

We are the church—a part of the Body of Christ—by the grace of God Almighty. When we *"...speak the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,"¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.*" (Ephesians 4:15-16) Amen.

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

Memory Verse Challenge
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
<https://www.lcms.org/worship/memory-verse-challenge>

Week of June 27

Isaiah 41:10

Fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

FEAR NOT, for I am
I AM YOUR GOD.
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I will help you.
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right hand.
Isaiah 41:10



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

Our summer sermon series and Bible study is leading us through Luther's Small Catechism. Our journey is refreshing our memory of things we have learned in the past. My hope that this time is also teaching you something new. For this sermon series and Bible study, I have three goals:

Get "Back to the Basics" that Luther's Small Catechism is a resource for parents to teach their children. "As the head of the family should teach...in a simple way to his household."

Become comfortable with your Bible by keeping the following truth in mind. **5. God the Holy Spirit helps us.** Since the Bible is the very Word of God, our efforts to understand it should begin and continue with the humble prayer. The Holy Spirit called us by the Gospel, and He will enlighten our study of the Word. This is truly a divine work, but it is also a gradual, life-long work. **Psalm 1** compares those who meditate on God's Word day and night to trees planted by streams of water, which bear their fruit in season. Trees do not grow in a week, nor does fruit form and ripen in a day. We should "drink" regularly from God's Word, day after day, with prayer, persistence, and patience, trusting that God's Spirit will thereby help us to grow in our understanding and faith and bear His fruit through us – in His time. God's Spirit helps us not only as we read the Bible individually but also together with fellow believers. Like the first Christians, we should gather in our congregations, devoting ourselves to the apostles' teaching, to the Lord's Supper, and to prayer (**Acts 2:42**). Here, the Holy Spirit calls men to be our pastors, that is, shepherds or watchmen over the flock, who declare the "whole counsel of God" (**Acts 20:26-32**) by publicly reading Scripture and explaining it (**1 Timothy 4:13**). In these ways, God's Spirit is at work, giving us understanding of God's Word – giving us understanding through God's Word--and building us up "until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God" (**Ephesians 4:13**).


Regularly review a Take-Home point most easily summarized in the Table of Duties section near the end of *Luther's Small Catechism*.




The adult Bible class always offers plenty of opportunities to ask lots of questions and get lots of insight into the different texts that we study each week.

And how is your Bible reading plan coming along? Are you on track with the rest of us? Don't worry, if you're lagging behind. Just pick up with today's reading and keep going. The point is to try and develop a habit of regularly reading or listening to God's Word.

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

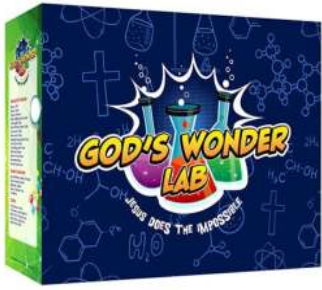
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Entire New Testament		
June 1--August 31, 2021		
	DAY	TOPIC
SUN	7/10/2021	Acts 23-25
	7/11/2021	Acts 26-28
	7/12/2021	Romans 1-3
	7/13/2021	Romans 4-6
SUN	7/14/2021	Romans 7-9
	7/15/2021	Romans 10-12
	7/16/2021	** FREE DAY **
	7/17/2021	Romans 13-15
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
SUN	7/22/2021	1 Corinthians 12-14
	7/23/2021	1 Corin 15-2 Corin 1
	7/24/2021	2 Corinthians 2-4
	7/25/2021	2 Corinthians 5-7
SUN	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
SUN	7/30/2021	Ephesians 1-3
	7/31/2021	Ephesians 4-6
	8/1/2021	** FREE DAY **
	8/2/2021	Philippians 1-3
SUN	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
SUN	8/7/2021	2 Thess 3-1 Tim 2
	8/8/2021	1 Timothy 3-5
	8/9/2021	1 Tim 6-2 Tim 2
	8/10/2021	2 Tim 3-Titus
SUN	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

	3 Month Reading Plan	
	Entire New Testament	
	June 1--August 31, 2021	
SUN	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
	**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
SUN	8/27/2021	Revelation 10-12
	8/28/2021	Revelation 13-15
	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>	

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.

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)



VBS JULY 12-13-14 From 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm .

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

If you can help us Contact:

Marla Hogan 215-287-0725

Church Office 712-881-2243

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 tape
9. Streamers (crepe paper)
10. Parachute or Lg Sheet (may borrow)

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

MASKS ARE REQUIRED and will be provided

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

REGISTER SOON SO THE COMMITTEE CAN PLAN. THANK YOU

Please tell you friends, neighbors and family. Promote your church and their functions, thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Property is asking for help please. This Tuesday and Wednesday they will be refurbishing the Ark, and they need some assistance. If you are willing to help please call Janeal Holmes 1-712-899-8095, Lin Scott 1-712-208-0004, or Ken Krueger 1-712-880-2715.

The Card Ministry is providing Greeting Cards for members to use (**no charge for them**). They are located on the table in the narthex . Any questions contact Rita LaFrentz 840-9703 (cell) 881-2078 (home) or Mavis Skow 881-2550 (home) 882-6009 (cell)

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY

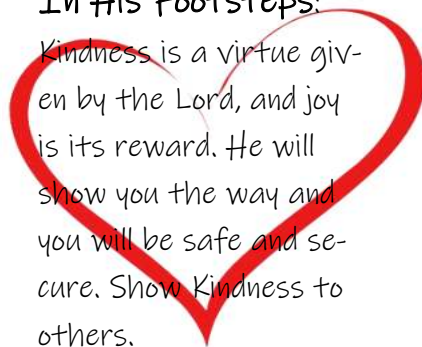
Name	Date
Bonnie Banks	06/02/1934
Jennifer Goslar	06/10/1975
Mark Greiner	06/14/1954
Ferne Jacobson	06/30/1930
Kay Johnson	06/08/1941
Joe Krusen	06/12/1983
Deloris Livermore	06/09/1929
Tyler Ohlmeier	06/06/2004
Shawn Ohlmeier	06/26/1983
Weston Scheer	06/28/2015
Sarah Schmidt	06/14/1981
Mark Witzel	06/1959



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

	Week of Schedule 06-28 to 07-04
Mon 28	Pastor's Family Day
Tues 29	Property Working on Ark
Sun 4	6th Sun. after Pentecost 9:30 am ser- vices w/ HC Mark Witzel Elder Mark Witzel Reader Dennis Muckey Screens Bible Class 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am

Needed per Week	\$3,225.02
Sunday Giving 06-20-21	
Sunday attendance 06-20-21	46
Members communed 06-20-21	41
Children in Church 06-20-21	3
Visitors 06-20-21	5
Bible Class 06-20-21	9
Sunday School 06-20-21	NA
In The Word 07-01-21	

<u>Give the office a call or the Pastor...</u>	Need a ride to a Dr's appt	Need of a visit
Before going to hospital	Address or name changes	Birth of your baby
Private communion	Entering armed services	Making wedding plans
Desire to serve your Lord through the Church	Death in the family	



Please continue to pray for our church leaders.
"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

Romans 12:12

Pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

PRAYER WARRIORS— The prayer warriors desire to hear from you as to how they can pray for you. We have 14 prayer warriors. We welcome more men and women to join us. if you need prayer call **Alice Miller** phone number 712-880-2380.

Members of St. Matthew with Special Needs and Concerns

Nazaria Kaderabek
Myrna Gosch
Mark Witzel

Carol Dose
Mavis Skow

Melvin & Selma Schrader
Peg Jacobsen

Alan Bruhn
Bill Prichard

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

31153 Juinter Ave.
Hinton, IA 51024

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
310 S. 6th St.
Mapleton, IA 51034

Melvin & Selma Schrader
21 Ohm Drive
Mapleton, IA 51034

Carol Dose
1 Sunrise Ave.
Maple Heights Nursing Home
Mapleton, IA 51034

Tammy Bramley
42715 210th St.
Ute, IA 51060

Alan Bruhn
14535 Walnut Ave
Mapleton, IA 51034

Myrna Gosch
Pleasant Care Center
200 Shannon Dr.
Whiting, IA 51063

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

Mark Witzel
100 N. Hwy 183
Pisgah, IA 51564

Those on our prayer list:

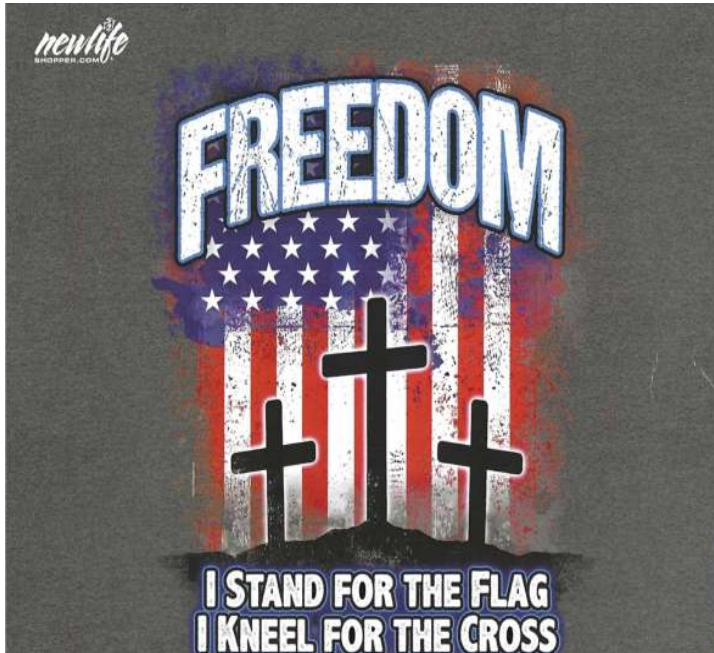
Peg Jacobsen
22 Ohm Drive
Mapleton, IA 51034

Bill Pritchard
14702 Hwy 141
Mapleton, IA 51034

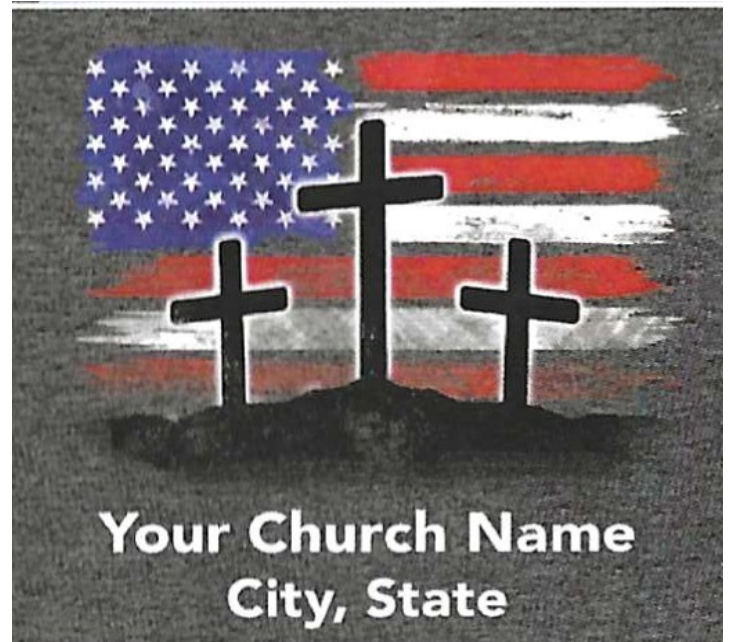
*Spread the Fruits of the Spirit:
Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Gentle-
ness, Kindness, Self-Control, Good-
ness, and Faithfulness. You will be
rewarded*

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

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Shirt comes in 2 different colors Dark Heather and Metro Blue. St. Matthew is selling these t-shirts as a fundraiser. Please contact the church at 881-2243 if you are interested in purchasing one. Prices are:

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MD 10-12

LG 14-16

Adult SM \$20.00

MD

LG

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Adult 3 XL \$25.00

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ALL ORDERS SHIP AFTER AUGUST 6, 2021



St Matthew Lutheran Church
504 Walnut Street
Mapleton, IA 51034



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 **“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 SHEP-HEARD 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.



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.