



THE  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
MISSOURI SYNOD

# St Matthews Service

Rev. Christopher LaBoube

*July 18, 2021*

*Eighth 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

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
18 July 2021

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Mapleton, IA  
Jeremiah 23:1–6 / Psalm 23 / Ephesians 2:11–22 / Mark 6:30–44

Sermon Title: Apostles’ Creed—Part A  
Sermon Text: Galatians 4:4-6; Proverbs 8:22-36

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

The last two Sundays we talked about the Lord’s Prayer. Today and next Sunday we’re going to talk about the creeds—our confession of our faith in Jesus Christ. We’re going to look at the Apostles’ Creed as we talk about our relationship with God our Heavenly Father.

The creed has traditionally been divided into three parts—each part focusing on one person of the Trinity—God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. This is just an easy way to remember the key points of the Apostles’ Creed.

A creed is simply a summary of the Christian faith. This is why I ask: do you actually believe what you say every week using one of the creeds or are you simply repeating words on the screen? I pray that you actually believe what you confess in all three creeds. After all, a creed is just a summary of the Christian faith.

Today, we’re going to look at Proverbs chapter 8 which talks about wisdom being with God the Father BEFORE the beginning of time. Here is one example in which “wisdom” is personified. In this case, “wisdom” actually refers to the God-man Jesus Christ, wisdom incarnate—wisdom in the flesh and blood.

Here in Proverbs chapter eight, we clearly see two people of the Trinity—God the Father and God the Son, Jesus. Jesus is talking in the first person in our text for today. He points out that he existed with God our Heavenly Father BEFORE life was created.

*“<sup>22</sup> The LORD possessed [Gen. 14:19, 22] me at the beginning of his work [Job 28:25-28 & Luth Study Bible note], the first of his acts of old. <sup>23</sup> Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. <sup>24</sup> When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. <sup>25</sup> Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, <sup>26</sup> before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world.”* (Proverbs 8:22-26)

Here in this text “wisdom” is speaking, but this “wisdom” is actually Jesus. Jesus is telling us that he is “...the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the father, by whom all things were made.” (Nicene Creed: 2<sup>nd</sup> Article)

Listen again to how Jesus starts out this section of Proverbs eight: *“<sup>22</sup> The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old.”* Another translation says: *“The Lord fathered me at the beginning of his work...”* This is what we confess every week in one of the three creeds—that Jesus Christ was begotten of God our Heavenly Father—that Jesus came from God the Father.

In the Athanasian Creed we confess that “The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.” And, Jesus “is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age.” (Athanasian Creed #21, 29)

After, Jesus tells us how things started, he tells us how he and God the Father and God the Holy Spirit existed before the creation of this world and the creation of human beings. *<sup>23</sup> Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. <sup>24</sup> When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. <sup>25</sup> Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, <sup>26</sup> before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world.”* (Proverbs 8:22-26)

“*Before the beginning of the earth*” the triune God existed. “*When there were no depths...*” Jesus was brought forth. “*Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills...*” Jesus was. This is what the author of the Book of Hebrews reminds us: “*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*” (Hebrews 13:8)

God has existed long before you and I were ever thought of. This is what Jesus tells us. He was with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit as God created everything that we see, hear, feel and touch. This is what Jesus tells us in Proverbs chapter 8 beginning at verse 27:

*<sup>27</sup> When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, <sup>28</sup> when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, <sup>29</sup> when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, <sup>30</sup> then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, <sup>31</sup> rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man.”* (Proverbs 8:27-31)

I love this imagery. Here we see Jesus as a young boy working alongside his dad. “*then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, <sup>31</sup> rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man.*”

This is the same imagery that we see after Jesus was born of Mary and Joseph with Jesus working alongside his step-father Joseph in Joseph’s carpentry shop. Some folks even criticized Jesus asking: “*Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?*” (Mark 6:3)

Before time began—before Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary—Jesus existed. Jesus was “*beside [God the Father], like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,*” Jesus has always been with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit. The Triune God has always been “...one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance. For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another. But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.” (Athanasian Creed #4-6)

As we continue reading Proverbs eight beginning at verse 27, Jesus tells us how things were before time began. *<sup>27</sup> When [God the Father] established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a*

*circle on the face of the deep,<sup>28</sup> when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,<sup>29</sup> when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth,<sup>30</sup> then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,<sup>31</sup> rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man.” (Proverbs 8:27-31)*

This is what we read in Genesis chapter one and chapter two which outlines the creation of the world. *“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.” (Genesis 1:1-2)*

*“Thus the heavens and the earth were finished (in six days), and all the host of them. <sup>2</sup> And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.” (Genesis 2:1-3)*

All this is what we confess in the words of all three creeds—the Apostles’, Nicene and Athanasian. Each creed is a summary of the truths of God’s Word. It’s what we believe about God and what has been written in full in the Holy Bible.

Proverbs chapter eight continues by Jesus encouraging us to regularly feed on His Holy Word in verse 32: *<sup>32</sup> And now, O sons, listen to me: blessed are those who keep my ways. <sup>33</sup> Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it. <sup>34</sup> Blessed is the one who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting beside my doors. <sup>35</sup> For whoever finds me finds life and obtains favor from the LORD, <sup>36</sup> but he who fails to find me injures himself; all who hate me love death.” (Proverbs 8:32-36)*

And why does Jesus want you to read or listen to His Holy Word every day? The answer is in verses 35-36: *“For whoever finds me finds life and obtains favor from the LORD, <sup>36</sup> but he who fails to find me injures himself; all who hate me love death.”*

When you find Jesus in His Holy Word, then you find the source of eternal life. This is what we confess in the creeds, especially in the Athanasian Creed: “Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.... Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead, Ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.” (Athanasian Creed #28, 36-37)

Jesus did all of this for you and for me. Jesus lived a perfect life under God the Father’s Laws, including the Ten Commandments. This way, Jesus knows exactly what you’re experiencing no matter what you’re going through.

Jesus then suffered on a cross, and died for you and for me and for all people for all of our sins so that none of us has to be sent to hell for all the wrong things we have said or done. If Jesus had not suffered and died on that cross, then none of us would be here today, because of our sins, we would have been put to death by God the Father, according to his Laws and Commandments.

Thanks be to God, Jesus willingly suffered for us. He willingly died for us. Then, this this is the best part—Jesus was raised again to new life by God our Heavenly Father—so that he would overcome sin, death and the devil.

This means, that we, too, have eternal life, because of Jesus in our lives. This is what Paul summarizes in Galatians chapter four: *<sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might<sub>4</sub>*

receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, ‘Abba! Father!’” (Galatians 4:4-6)

We have received adoption as children of God—we who confess Jesus is Lord using all three creeds—Apostles’, Nicene and Athanasian. We have been given a new life, because Jesus died and rose again from the dead FOR YOU and FOR ME! This is most certainly true. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

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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)



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

So how are you doing as you continue reviewing the core truths of the Christian faith outlined in *Luther's Small Catechism*? If you haven't already, dig out your old copy of *Luther's Small Catechism*, and review the questions in each section that we talk about each week in worship.

If you don't have a copy of the *Small Catechism* or you can't find your old copy, you can get a new copy from Concordia Publishing House. Check out the bulletin insert for more information.

And how are you doing at reading through the entire New Testament? If you've lost your reading schedule, call the office and we can get you new copy. You can also go on the church's website ([www.stmatthewmapleton.org](http://www.stmatthewmapleton.org)) and check under "Our Church" and then "Newsletters" to find the PDF document titled: "New Testament 3 Month Plan."

The Bible is the very words of God, and God the Holy Spirit works through it to enable us to read or listen, learn and take to heart all that is in this book. The first challenge in reading God's Word is simply to open the book. The devil delights in distracting us with other activities or priorities that may seem more urgent, exciting, or important. So, resist that temptation, open your Bible, and keep the following truth in mind.

**1. The Bible is about forgiveness and life in Jesus.** To use and interpret the Bible rightly, it is important to know what the Bible is actually about and why God gave it. The main subject of the Scriptures is Jesus Christ, and the forgiveness of sins and eternal life that come through Him. "*These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name*" (John 20:31)

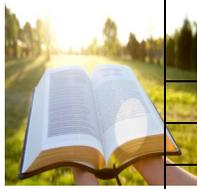
Some see the Bible primarily as a guidebook for moral living, answering the question What should I do? Others see it as a how-to book for solving various human problems or questions. The Bible itself, however, invites us to read it as answering these vital questions: Who is Jesus Christ? What has He done and what does He continue to do to rescue me and the whole world from death and sin?

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The Apostles' Creed: 1<sup>st</sup> Article and Meaning: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.** *What does this mean?* I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

<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
S	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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	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	
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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 10-11
8/28/2021	Revelation 13-14
SUN 8/29/2021	Revelation 16-17
8/30/2021	Revelation 19-20
8/31/2021	Revelation 21-22
Where do you go from here? Help us 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	
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> .	
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!	
During this summer sermon series, please pray for your fellow church members, who regularly attend and who haven't been in fellowship for a long time. Then call, text or visit them.	



Memory Verse Challenge  
 The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod  
<https://www.lcms.org/worship/memory-verse-challenge>  
 Week of July 18

**Matt. 6:33–34**

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

**Yours Is The Kingdom**

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

(Matthew 6:33-34 ESV)

# VBS WAS A SUCCESS

BY THE GRACE OF GOD, We had an average of 10 children. A big thank you to all the adults that gave of their time and talents to help. Thank You Marla for all your work at organizing this event. All praise and honor to God!

Marla Hogan  
 Joe Hogan  
 Pastor LaBoube  
 Wayne Kafton  
 Zola Kafton  
 Karla Uhl  
 Sarah Paulsen  
 Julie Bollig  
 Ramona Weber  
 Caden Scheer  
 Sarah Schmidt  
 Mardelle Vandevanter  
 Rita LaFrentz  
 Betsy Scheer

Dawn Paulsen  
 Ryan Paulsen  
 Marilyn Hamann  
 Lin Scott  
 Marley Scott  
 Kerensa Hamann  
 Stacy Bollig  
 Mark Witzel

## OUR CHILDREN

Weston Scheer  
 Boston Paulsen  
 Landon Schofield  
 Drake Paulsen  
 Jax Schofield  
 Mileena Whitlock  
 Logan Jones  
 Krymsen Madsen  
 Wyatt Jones  
 Liam Thompson  
 Kerensa Hamann



The program started with an opening and closing prayer by Pastor LaBoube. Then the children went to see Mr. Oz and Miss Matter and they met their new friend Ozzy the Owl, showing them the difference between God's miracles and science. Then they were off to story time. Teaching them about the story from the Bible.



After Storytime they were off to the lab, where they did different experiments that showed them the difference that we could not do miracles that Jesus does.



Then they went to Music where they learned different songs about Jesus.



Then they went to snack time which is also a treat, and ended up visiting Dr. Oz and Miss Matter and Ozzy the Owl again.



The kids always liked doing their crafts and then they got to show them to their parents on the last day.



Of course there is always time to have fun and play games

Their special offering will go to missionary Rev. Steve and Cindy Schumacher, Ghana, West Africa, and some pictures that they colored.



This little one just came to investigate all the excitement of what was going on!

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

Tasha Bridgeman	Jul 04, 1987
Autumn Brodersen	Jul 27, 2006
Kristi Dale	Jul 21, 1961
Sarah Goslar	Jul 20, 1983
Marilyn Hamann	Jul 14, 1945
Duane Hamann	Jul 08, 1944
Marla Hogan	Jul 18, 1960
Nazaria Kaderabek	Jul 02, 1963
Dennis Namanny	Jul 24, 1944
Bert Schauer	Jul 25, 1956
Caden Scheer	Jul 28, 2009
Kolby Scott	Jul 09, 2004
Karla Uhl	Jul. 23, 1962
Benjamin Weber	Jul 06, 1995



*We are listing  
Baptismal  
birthdays to  
remember and  
celebrate the day  
we were  
adopted into the  
family of God  
through the  
washing of the  
Holy Spirit.*

## JULY BAPTISMS

Jerry Albers	Jul 24, 1938
Herman Arndt	Jul 04, 1960
Nathan Brodersen	Jul 19, 1981
Brenda Brown	Jul 14, 1963
Barbra Bumsted	Jul 14, 1955
Phyllis Fick	Jul 06, 1928
Kerensa Hamann	Jul 05, 2014
Katelynn Hamann	Jul 23, 2000
Nazaria Kaderabek	Jul 14, 2019
Karen Kueny	Jul 11, 1948
Christina LaBoube	Jul 23, 1989
Durene Marsh	Jul 21, 1960
Randi Meseck	Jul 22, 1948
MaKenna Meseck	Jul 16, 2006
Sharon Pope	Jul 21, 1940
Bert Schauer	Jul 11, 1957
Mavis Skow	Jul 28, 1953
Dorothy Wessling	Jul 26, 1942
Dora Witzel	Jul 07, 1935

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Nathan and Betsy Brodersen	Jul 19, 2003	18
Darren and Sarah Goslar	Jul 24, 2004	17
Mark and Mary Greiner	Jul 03, 1976	45
Roger and Kay Ingram	Jul 12, 1957	64
Dennis and Ann Livermore	Jul 31, 1970	51
Ernest and Dora Witzel	Jul 01, 1956	65
Michael and Betty Wood	Jul 18, 1970	51



## 80 + yr. Birthday God's Blessings

God's Blessings	80 +yr. Birthdays
Jerry Albers	Jul 24, 1938 <b>83</b>
Kay Ingram	Jul 12, 1939 <b>82</b>
Bernie McBride	Jul 13, 1935 <b>86</b>

	Week of Schedule 07-19 to 07-25
Mon 19	Pastors Family Day
Wed 21	Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm
Sun 25	9th Sun. after Pentecost Services 9:30 am Elder Leo Dose Reader Mark Witzel Screens Dennis Muckey Sunday School 10:45 am Bible Class 10:45 am

Needed per Week	\$3,225.02
Sunday Giving 07-11-21	\$1,206.00
Sunday Giving 07-04-21	\$3,625.00
Sunday attendance 07-11-21	46
Members communed 07-11-21	NA
Children in Church 07-11-21	3
Visitors 07-11-21	5
Bible Class 07-11-21	15
Sunday School 07-11-21	0

<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                      Carol Dose                      Melvin & Selma Schrader                      Alan Bruhn  
Myrna Gosch                      Peg Jacobsen                      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,

*Please drop them a line or two, they love getting mail and they would love hearing from their church family.*

**St. Matthew's Prayer List that are confined to their homes.**

**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  
815 Ring Street  
Mapleton IA 51034

**Phyllis Fick** 93 yrs. Jun 3, 1928  
Willow Dale Care—Assisted Living  
404 1st St.  
Battle Creek, IA 51006

**Carol Dose** 87 yrs. Jan. 22, 1934  
Sunrise Ave.  
Maple Heights Nursing Home 51034

**Myrna Gosch** 80 yrs. Jan 9, 1941  
Pleasant View Care Center  
200 Shannon Dr. Rm #108  
Whiting, IA 51063

**Melvin Schrader** 94 Oct. 29, 1926  
Sunrise Ave.  
Maple Heights Nursing Home 51034

**Selma Schrader** 91 yrs. Nov. 12, 1929  
21 Ohm Drive  
Mapleton, IA 51034

**Our prayer list that are not confined to their home:**

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

**Tammy Bramley**  
42715 210th St.  
Ute, IA 51060

**Alan Bruhn**  
14535 Walnut Ave  
Mapleton, IA 51034

**Bill Pritchard**  
14702 Hwy 141  
Mapleton, IA 51034

**Peg Jacobsen**  
22 Ohm Drive  
Mapleton, IA 51034

*Spread the Fruits of the Spirit:  
Love, Joy, Peace, Patience,  
Gentleness, Kindness, Self-  
Control, Goodness, and Faith-  
fulness. You will be rewarded*

\*\* indicates a new address



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*In His Footsteps:*

*Faith is a gift from  
God that will sustain  
you and give you inner  
peace and love and this  
is priceless. Show it to  
others.*



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Dear God

Thank you for preparing everything for us to follow you. We could not follow you without you first stimulating our desire to do so. Thank you for providing everything we need to persevere on our faith journey. Enable, empower, equip us to work out our faith for your glory. In Jesus' name,

Amen