



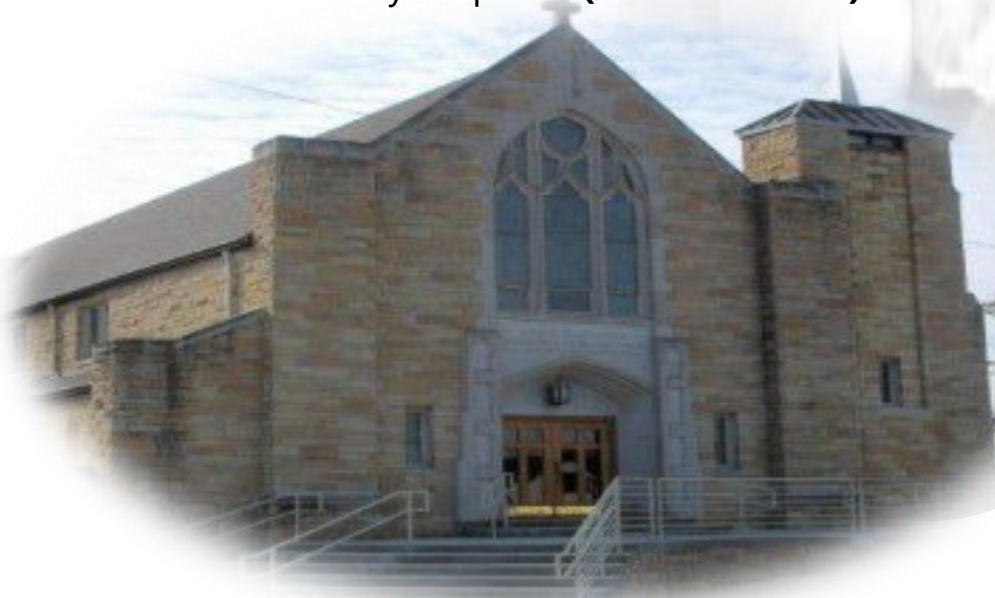
# St Matthews Service

THE  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
MISSOURI SYNOD

Rev. Christopher LaBoube

*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 26*

"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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18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

26 September 2020

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Mapleton, IA

Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29 / Psalm 104:27–35 / James 5:13–20 / Mark 9:38–50

Sermon Title: Serious and Deliberate Sins All the Time

Sermon Text: Mark 9:38-50

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

Our Gospel lesson for today can sound extreme and for good reason. God is reminding you that sin is awful—terrible. Unfortunately, though, too many Christians treat some sins as though they are not that important.

If God’s Word is true—which it is—then how can we just decide what we think is really a sin and what really isn’t a sin? And this is exactly what our society has been doing for years. Two generations back—back to my mom’s mom and dad—my Grandma and Grandpa Rose—divorce was a serious issue. Couples did not divorce so quickly.

Now people divorce all the time, and no one blinks an eye. It seems too many people treat divorce as though it’s just another option after you are married for a time instead of working on the marriage. And yet, Scripture clearly tells us that the only reason divorce should happen is marital unfaithfulness.

This is why Jesus tells you that *“...if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. 45 And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. 47 And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, 48 ‘where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’”* (Mark 9:44-48)

Jesus makes a bold, controversial statement, because sin is a serious problem. Sure, some Christians know what the Ten Commandments, and try to live by them. Unfortunately, though, it seems some Christians still give approval to certain sins simply because everyone else does so—

including unbelievers.

This is what Paul talks about in Romans chapter one: *“And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. <sup>29</sup> They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, <sup>30</sup> slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, <sup>31</sup> foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. <sup>32</sup> Though they know God’s righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.”* (Romans 1:28-32)

Since when are we Christians to take our cue from unbelievers? What do they have to offer us that God does not? Jesus tells us that if any part of your body causes you to sin, you should remove it you’re yourself. That’s why this text sounds extreme—because sin IS extreme, and God went to extreme lengths to save us from going to hell, because of our sins. ALL sin separates us from God. God cannot be in the presence of sin.

That’s why all throughout the Scriptures we read that God wants us to confess our sins and receive his gracious, life-giving forgiveness. But until God the Holy Spirit convicts you and makes you see actual sins in your life, then you will probably just keep tripping along sinning without even realizing it.

*42 “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. 43 And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. 45 And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. 47 And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, 48 ‘where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’”*

(Mark 9:42-48)

There have been times here after I preached a sermon during worship that I found out that a member of the church was offended by my message. When that happens, you can blame the pastor, but the reason you feel offended is that the Holy Spirit pricked your heart touching on an area in your life that God wants you to work on.

This is why I might hear later that a member of the church was offended by my sermon. That person was hearing from God the Holy Spirit to encourage that person to grow—by confessing any sin and receiving God’s forgiveness, and then growing spiritually to understand from God’s Word that whatever you are doing or saying, God wants you to work on that area of your life.

And yet, it’s really sad to see how many people don’t see a problem with all kinds of sin.

Recently, I read through Leviticus, and I saw how serious God takes sin—so serious that the person, who committed the sin, was to offer a bull or a lamb or some birds as a sacrifice and then they would receive God’s forgiveness through the priest.

Think about that for a minute. What if every time you sinned, in order to be forgiven of your sins, and to have a clear conscious, you had to give up something valuable like your wedding ring or a one hundred dollars? If that were the case, I am pretty sure many people would stop caring—and stop thinking about their sins—especially if you had to give up something valuable every single time you sinned against God and against someone else.

And that would be sad, because when you stop caring whether you have sinned or not, then you’re probably slowly not caring about God and His Holy Word. The entire Scriptures point us to Jesus and all that he experienced for you and for me and for all people.

There a number of rules in Leviticus for how to live with other people, especially how to deal with conflict with other people. The rules can seem long and drawn out, but they all point us to Jesus and his ultimate sacrificial death and resurrection from the dead.

From Leviticus 19: *“You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.”* (Leviticus 19:11-12)

And, *“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”* (Leviticus 19:17-18)

This is why Jesus says that if your hand causes you to sin, then you should by all means cut off your hand! In order words, when your hand causes you to sin, then find a way to stop using your hand to sin. When your eye causes you to sin, Jesus says to gouge it out! Dealing with sin is THAT serious. Whatever causes you to sin, then get rid of it immediately!

And yet, I know how people behave. We hear that sin is terrible and that we need to stop doing it, but as soon as you go home, you might continue sinning without even realize it, because you have stopped thinking of your specific action as a sin.

When you hear about a family member or friend, breaking any one of the commandments, maybe you just think—well, that’s not a good idea—but you don’t actually do anything or say anything to that person.

Unbelievers—and us Christians—will all be judged on the Last Day when we stand before the throne of God our Heavenly Father. And one of your jobs as a believer in Jesus Christ is to share the truth of God’s Word with other people, including people, who don’t know God’s Word.

It's God's Word that gives us the answer to this problem of sinning. The ultimate answer is Jesus. We started out talking about God's Law. God's Law tells us what we are supposed to do—how we are to live—how we are to relate to each other. God's Law never provides comfort and encouragement. God's Law only condemns. That's its purpose.

When you read or hear God's Law telling you what is a sin and that you should stop doing that sinful thought, word or deed, that's the whole purpose of the Law. The Law simply condemns you, because you are not able to “do better” no matter how hard you try.

The rest of this story is God's Gospel. God's Gospel tells and shows us what God has done for us. God's Gospel shows us Jesus, and how he suffered a horrible death so that you and I and all believers don't have to die for our thousands of sins we have committed.

God's Gospel shows us what God our Heavenly Father has done for us—to keep us from going to hell, which is where all unbelievers will go when they die. This is a very clear teaching in the Bible. God's Gospel shows us the immense love that God our Heavenly Father has for you and for me and for all his children. God's Gospel gives you and me comfort and encouragement.

So when you see how you have said or done something against God and against someone else, God the Holy Spirit is prompting you to confess your sins and receive God's gracious forgiveness. This is why Jesus tells you to cut off your hand if it causes you to sin, so that you will see that what you have said or done against God and against someone else is a sin, and will be prompted by God's Word to repent of your sins.

And yet, confessing your sins can also seem a very hard thing to do. Why? Because you don't want to acknowledge that you have done or said something against God and against someone else. You might not want to confess your sins, because you feel justified and right in what you said or did to someone else.

Luther's Small Catechism talks about the importance of confessing your sins. “*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.”

So how do you know what sins to actually confess? “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/Keys Q2 & Q3)

Still, it can be hard to confess your sins, and yet God clearly tells us that if you don't confess your sins, then you won't receive his forgiveness. Luke tells us in his gospel: “*And as you wish that*

*others would do to you, // do so to them.*” (Luke 6:31) So if you want people to treat you badly—lie to you—cheat you—then you should continue doing the same sinful actions and words to other people.

But that’s not what Luke is saying. Luke tells us: *“And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.”* (Luke 6:31) So that we will treat others according to the Second Greatest Commandment: Love your neighbor as yourself.

When you treat others the way you want to be treated, then you are living the way God wants you to live. When you live according to God’s Word, then you recognize your sin, confess your sin to God, and then receive God’s gracious forgiveness.

Living according to God’s Word helps you to recognize temptations to sin and to flee from them—to run away from them as fast as you can. When you fill up with Jesus—when you read or listen to the Bible every day—then you will know the truth—truth that sets men free.

That truth will be contrary to popular thinking, but that truth leads you to life eternal through the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

*Memory Verse for 09-26-2021*



COME AFTER ME,  
he must DENY himself  
and take up his cross daily  
and FOLLOW ME.





## How to Pray: A 6-Step Guide to Prayer

<https://blog.youversion.com/2021/04/how-to-pray-a-6-step-guide-to-prayer/>

2021-04-06

“Prayer.” When you see that word, what thoughts or images come to mind? Does talking to God come easy to you? Or do you struggle to pray? Knowing what to say to God doesn’t always feel easy, and sometimes, prayer gets weighed down by our misconceptions about what a conversation with God should look like.

“*Pray then like this...*” 2,000 years ago, Jesus taught His disciples to “<sup>9</sup> *Pray then like this: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. <sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread, <sup>12</sup> and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. <sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.’*” (Matthew 6:9-13)

This is now a famous example on how to pray. But how do we apply it to our everyday 21st-century lives? First, we need to understand how not to pray. Before teaching the Lord’s Prayer, Jesus told His disciples, “*when you pray, pray to your Father in private...*” and, “*do not heap up empty phrases...for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.*”

If God already knows what we need, then prayer isn’t simply about the words we say. If we’re praying to impress people, or if we’re treating prayer like a box to check, then we’re missing out on the power of prayer.

Prayer is, and always will be, a dynamic conversation with God. When we realize this, the Lord’s Prayer becomes a freeing framework that helps us talk to God every day. Here’s a 6-step guide to prayer that can help:

Refocus on God: ‘*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.*’

Inhale deeply and focus on these words: “*Our Father in heaven.*” Slowly exhale as you say: “*Holy is Your name.*” Repeat this several times, and pay attention to any aspects of God’s character that come to mind. Spend this time focusing on how great God is.

Realign your will: ‘*Your kingdom come ...*’

God has always been in the process of carrying out His will on earth. So right now, reflect on this: when you align your will with God’s will, you are actively seeking His Kingdom. Quiet any noise around you, and ask God to show you how you can take part in doing His will today.

Release your concerns: *'Give us this day our daily bread...'*

Imagine holding your hands out in front of you, as if you want God to put something in them. As you give God your concerns, what does He give you in return? List your concerns, and say them one at a time. Each time you voice a concern, try asking God to, *"give us this day our daily bread."* Sit with this exercise for as long as you need.

Repent and respond: *'And forgive us ... as we forgive ...'*

What are you holding onto that you need to lay down? Is there anything you need to confess right now? Maybe it's a hurt you can't let go of, a behavior you're struggling to change, an addiction you haven't conquered, or a mistake you keep making. God invites you to come as you are, and respond to Him. Tell him whatever is on your mind, then create space to hear from Him.

Request God's protection: *'... deliver us from evil ...'*

We've all been rescued from something. What has God rescued you from? Thank Him for His faithfulness, and let Him know where you need help. Consider praying on behalf of other people who may also need protection. Remember that even when situations seem hopeless, there is nothing God cannot do.

Rejoice and reflect.

Celebrate what God has done in your life, and look for ways to worship Him throughout your day. Then, spend a few minutes reflecting on this time with God. What has He shown you? Consider adding anything that stands out to your prayer list.

When we start to pray like Jesus did, we will start to experience intimacy with God like Jesus did. And when we let prayer shape the way we live, we start to realize that we can approach God at all times with confidence, vulnerability, and trust.

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### 10 Reasons to Read the Bible

Why read the Bible? Why wake up 15 minutes early each day? Why go to all that trouble? After all, sleeping is better than reading, right? Before you close the book on God's book, here is one of ten reasons to take time to read God's message to us.

4. Reading the Bible keeps us from sin. *"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."* (Psalm 119:11)

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## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Shelly Boyle	Sep 17, 1962
Crystal Bretthauer	Sep 06, 1956
Frances Brodersen	Sep 27, 1945
Patrick Brodersen	Sep 26, 1965
Patrick Brodersen	Sep 26, 1999
Alan Bruhn	Sep 15, 1960
Calvin Bruhn	Sep 01, 1984
Samantha Burkhardt	Sep 25, 1992
Wendy Buss	Sep 16, 1966
Shane Davis	Sep 19, 1973
Dale Engelke	Sep 26, 1952
Shari Erlemeier	Sep 25, 1962
Gloria Fletcher	Sep 16, 1955
Kathleen Fritz	Sep 14, 1965
Harper Goslar	Sep 04, 2017
Jordan Goslar	Sep 30, 1999
Sean Goslar	Sep 03, 1993
Kimberly Greiner	Sep 14, 1994
Shawn Hamann	Sep 23, 1971
Jon Jacobson	Sep 29, 1976
Pam Jahn	Sep 16, 1948
Brad Jochims	Sep 21, 1973
Cody Meseck	Sep 11, 1979
Jacob Miller	Sep 23, 1995
Matthew Petersen	Sep 11, 1982
Justin Rickert	Sep 04, 1985
Craig Riesberg	Sep 14, 1987
Ariel Rotnicke	Sep 06, 2001
Ann Schmidt	Sep 12, 1957
Donna Shaw	Sep 03, 1958

*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.*

### 80 + Birthday God's Blessings

Ruth Bruhn	Sep 25, 1932 <b>89</b>
George Koithan	Sep 02, 1932 <b>89</b>

## SEPTEMBER BAPTISMS

Kirk Bridgeman	Sep 30, 2018
Autumn Brodersen	Sep 17, 2006
Jessica Brodersen	Sep 02, 1984
James Brodersen	Sep 11, 1939
Calvin Bruhn	Sep 23, 1984
Donovan Buss	Sep 18, 1976
Jackie Cardwell	Sep 20, 2004
Ashlyn Davis	Sep 28, 2014
Christina Davis	Sep 28, 2014
Colton Davis	Sep 28, 2014
Shelby Davis	Sep 28, 2014
Cathy Dose	Sep 18, 1960
Steve Dose	Sep 30, 1956
Krista Elmquist	Sep 19, 1965
John Fick	Sep 18, 1932
Fred Fletcher	Sep 07, 1988
Derek Frahm	Sep 16, 1990
Dean Fritz	Sep 25, 1966
Kathleen Fritz	Sep 25, 1966
Sarah Goslar	Sep 04, 1983
Kimberly Greiner	Sep 25, 1994
Joseph Hogan	Sep 16, 1961
Sheldon Jacobson	Sep 05, 1954
Deborah Jensen	Sep 01, 1970
Richard Johnson	Sep 09, 1934
Brandon Krusen	Sep 20, 2004
Kody Krusen	Sep 20, 2004
Justin Rickert	Sep 22, 1985
Charlie Riesberg	Sep 15, 2013
Henry Riesberg	Sep 27, 2015
Nicholas Riesberg	Sep 20, 1981
Caden Scheer	Sep 13, 2009
Shirley Scoles	Sep 25, 1943
Darrin Skow	Sep 26, 1971
Colleen Sperry	Sep 10, 1957
Steven Stoll	Sep 01, 1968
Gary Thies	Sep, 1942
Alisha Weber	Sep 29, 1985
Benjamin Weber	Sep 10, 1995
Betty Wood	Sep 05, 1955
Andy Wray	Sep 04, 1988
Roxie Wray	Sep 20, 1958

### God's Blessings on your Wedding Anniversary

Kirk and Julie Bollig	Sep 15, 1979	42 yrs.
Leo and Florice Dose	Sep 18, 2010	11 yrs.
Sheldon and Peg Jacobson	Sep 06, 1975	46 yrs.
Ron and Lisa Rotnicke	Sep 28, 1995	26 yrs.
Bert and Diana Schauer	Sep 05, 1992	29 yrs.



**Walk in Love  
Be Kind to  
one another.**

Pastor LaBoube will be on vacation 09-27-21 though 10-07-21. We pray you have safe travels and a blessed vacation Pastor, and return to us rested. Pastor Peitsch will be on call: (515) 570-8078. Jeff Krusen, Head Elder (712) 840-9821; Mark Witzel, President (760)500-8902

**TODAY IS THE DAY!!!** Hot Turkey sandwich and pumpkin pie luncheon 11-1pm at the Beef & Brew (drive up and pick up lunch, will also be delivered in town only) Tickets \$12.00 sold at area businesses & banks. September 26th from 11am – 1 pm.

Prayer Program headed by Starla Brock She is inviting anyone that is interested to attend. It is being held at the High School Parking Lot on the 3rd Sunday at 11:40 am. They will be praying for the school, teachers, school workers, school children. Everyone is welcome to come.

On Oct 17th: The 21st Sunday after Pentecost Pastor LaBoube will be on Main Street Living. This program is broadcast on KCAU, the ABC network affiliate in Sioux City on Sunday morning, starting at 10:00 am., please set your recorder so you don't miss him.

FALL CLEANING, Please bring nice, clean items you no longer want to the church fire side room in 13 gal. garbage bags, to be picked up. These items will be taken to Finders Keepers to be sold and profits come back to our church. The Outreach Committee.

Life Chain Prayer Service Monona County is participating in this service. It will be held on the sidewalk in front of the Monona County Courthouse on Sunday Oct. 3, 2021, from 2pm to 3 pm. Life chains are built upon the promise that God gave to His people in 2 Chronicles 7. God said to Solomon in verses 14-15, *"if my people, who bear my name, humble themselves, pray and seek my face, and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sins, and heal their land. My eyes will now be open and my ears attentive to prayer from this place."*

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) 882-6008(cell ) Boxes of cards will be sold for \$5.



**PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE**

**ON 10-03-21 FOR SERVICE AT 8 AM**

	<u>Week of Schedule 09-27 to 10-03</u>
Mon 27	Pastor on vacation through 10-07-21 Pastor Peitsch on call
Wed 29	Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm
Sun 03	18th Sun. after Pentecost Services <b>8:00 a.m.</b> Pastor Peitsch 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Bible Class

**Give the office a call or the Pastor...**

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

Needed per Week	\$3,225.02
Sunday Giving 09-19-21	
Sunday attendance 09-19-21	30
Members communed 09-19-21	25
Children in Church 09-19-21	3
Visitors 09-19-21	2
Bible Class 09-19-21	13
Sunday School 09-19-21	6c-1v-1t
In The Word 10-07-21	



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	Myrna Gosch	Melvin & Selma Schrader
Alan Bruhn	Sharon Pope	Mardelle Vandevanter	Hans Witzel
Sarah Schmidt	Duane Hamann	Sheldon Jacobsen	

#### **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; **Cheri Moe**, niece of Dorothy Wessling. **Jerri Haindfield** daughter of Marilyn & Duane Hamann; **Dennis Livermore**; son of Deloris Livermore, son-in-law of Selma & Melvin Schrader. **Ann Livermore**, daughter of Selma & Melvin Schrader; **Kevin Reitz**, son of Caroline & Dis; friend of Kay Johnson. **Sharon Kuehl Henning** niece of Judy & Gary Kuehl;

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

**Marcus Roupe** serving in Cuba (nephew of Marilyn & Duane Hamann)

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

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

**Bonnie Banks** 87 yrs. Jun 2, 1934  
Main Street Apartments  
516 Main Street Apt 2  
Mapleton, IA 51034

**Delores Boysen** 82 yrs. Mar. 5, 1939  
31153 Juinter Ave.  
Hinton, IA 51024

**Delbert Kroll** 88 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** 95 Oct. 29, 1926  
21 Ohm Drive  
Mapleton, IA 51034

**Selma Schrader** 92 yrs. Nov. 12, 1929  
21 Ohm Drive  
Mapleton, IA 51034

#### **Our prayer List**

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

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

**Mardelle Vandevanter**  
405 Walnut  
Mapleton, IA 51034

**Duane Hamann**  
116 S. Hickory St.  
Smithland, IA 51056

**Sharon Pope**  
518 Main St. Apt. 2  
Mapleton, IA 51034

**Sheldon Jacobson**  
22 Olm Drive  
Mapleton, IA 51034

**Dennis Livermore**  
Iowa City Hospital  
Ann Livermore

**Ann Livermore**  
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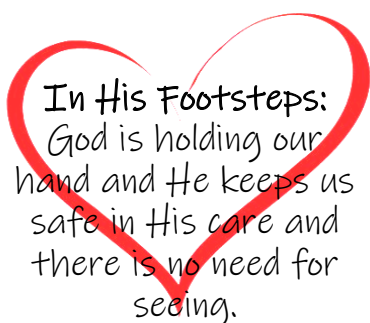
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405 S. 5th St  
Mapleton, IA 51034

*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 Jesus, I will live for the gospel at every moment of the day . I know you have good in store for me from the truths of the Word of God, let the Holy Spirit walk in step with me in everything I do and let me live through You. Amen