

# St Matthews Service

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*November 1, 2020*

*22nd Sunday after Pentecost All Saints' Day*

"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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All Saints' Day

1 November 2020

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Mapleton, IA

Revelation 7:9–17 / Psalm 149 / 1 John 3:1–3 / Matthew 5:1–12

Sermon Title: "Discipling: Teaching and Equipping"

Sermon Text: John 8:31-38

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

Today we begin our Discipleship—Stewardship Sermon Series. Over the next four weeks, we're going to look at what the Bible has to say about discipleship and stewardship. The theme for this sermon series is called "Disciples Living as Grace-filled Stewards."

Today is week one of our four-week series. Today's theme is "Discipling: Teaching and Equipping." Our key text for today is John 8:31: *"So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, If you abide in My Word you are truly My disciples."* Let's start with some definitions to make certain we are talking about the same thing. What does it mean to ABIDE in God's Word? It means: 1) Remain in God's Word; 2) Accept everything Jesus teaches in the Bible; 3) Be faithful to God's Word; and 4) Continuously study the Bible to allow the Holy Spirit to do His work in our hearts and minds so that our life is a response to what God says.

And what does it mean to be a disciple? I've got three biblical ideas that talk about what it means to be a disciple: First) Disciples of Christ know that through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ they have been set free from slavery to sin, death, and the devil. Now just because you have been set from sin, death and the devil, this does not mean that you stop sinning. You won't stop sinning until the day that you die and go to be with Jesus.

It means that when Jesus gave His life on the cross and then was raised from the dead, all who believe in Him have been freed from all the things that enslave them under the power of the

devil. And since you have been free from being in bondage—in slavery to sin and the power of the devil, you can now live with the joy of forgiveness and the assurance of eternal life in heaven; you are now free to live lives empowered by the Holy Spirit—lives dedicated to the service of God.

Second) Disciples of Christ have heard Jesus say, “Follow Me,” and are so humbled to be invited to be members of His team—in spite of our sinfulness—that they are willing to accept whatever challenge it brings. It may put them in places where it is very uncomfortable. And Third) Disciples of Christ commit their lives to being equipped by the Holy Spirit for the work of ministry by abiding in God’s Word.

But let us never forget that abiding in God’s Word and being the kind of disciple God wants us to be is an ongoing challenge. Think about what it calls for. Being a disciple of Jesus means looking for opportunities to share the message of Jesus with others—while not letting your fear keep you silent. It doesn’t mean waiting for opportunities. It means listening with our ears and watching with our eyes for opportunities. It means looking for cracks in the door.

Being a disciple of Jesus means being ready to love sacrificially—not just when you are sure you are going to be loved back or get something out of it. Being a disciple of Jesus means being very serious about the study of God’s Word—not using excuses (like claiming to be too busy) to avoid it.

Being a disciple of Jesus means being attentive to the way you use your time, talents, and money, recognizing they are treasured gifts from God to be used in His service—rather than using those gifts primarily for your own pleasure and giving only what is left over to Him.

Being a disciple of Jesus means being willing and courageous enough to say “NO” to those who tempt you to go against the will of God—even if it leads to ridicule and rejection.

These are biblical ideas of what it means to be a disciple—a follower of Jesus Christ. A disciple learns from his teacher. In this case, you and I—as disciples of Jesus—learn from our teacher, Jesus Christ, Son of God Most High.

Of course, learning how to be and live like Jesus isn’t easy. As the pastor, I have a big job trying to encourage every single member of this congregation to take up your cross daily and to desire to learn a little more each day from God’s Word. So here’s the dilemma I experience as the pastor:

God has called me to be a disciple of Christ and has given me the responsibility of teaching and equipping you to be disciples also. This means every one of us in this congregation—not just those who are here today, but all our members should be discipling each other. We read these instructions in the Great Commission found in Matthew 28.

But getting every member of this congregation to want to study from Jesus isn't easy. What needs to happen is I need to find a way to encourage you to be part of a Bible study either here at church or at home.

I have to convince you that there is value in getting you to do things that are beyond your comfort zone—like join a Bible class when you know so little about the Bible and fear you will be embarrassed. I have to convince you that Bible study is necessary to turn believers into disciples.

I have to try to get you to see that, because we live in a world that is attacking our faith in Christ as the crucified and resurrected Savior, we need to grow as disciples of Christ so that we can be ready to support one another in our battle with the world.

As the pastor, I have to convince you that you're not a disciple simply by believing. You become a disciple when, through the power of the Holy Spirit, you take your faith to another level by constantly learning, growing in it, and being equipped to live it.

As the pastor, I have to convince you not to turn Christ off when He says, *"Come follow Me,"* and *"If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me."*

And, then, I have to convince you—through the work and power of the Holy Spirit—to actually take up that cross and follow Him. Some here may say, "I believe and that is all I want to be is a believer. Others can be disciples. Disciples are for others."

In case any of you are thinking that what I am saying is not very important, think about this. Think of the pastor—our volunteer secretary—our church president—our head elder—and the rest of the leaders in this church. Do you want all these leaders to be just casual believers or committed and growing disciples?

Think about your children's Sunday school teachers and the adult Bible class teachers. Do you want these teachers to be casual believers or committed and growing disciples?

And what about our confirmation students. Do you want these kids to grow up and have a wishy-washy, shallow understanding of who Jesus is, or would you like to see our confirmation students have a firm, confident faith as they grow as disciples?

The only way we can answer those questions accurately is to look at Christ and look at what He did for us. When we study the Bible—when we read or listen to the Bible—then we grow in our understanding—we learn from our teacher, Jesus.

When you learn from the Bible, you see how much God loves you. When you study God's Word, you will see the tremendous, unbelievable sacrifice He made for you. You will see His whole reason for coming to earth was to help us deal with the brokenness of this world caused by sin—our sin.

When you study the Bible, you will see His all-out desire to remove us from a world of sin to a world of perfect joy and peace. You will see that he did it by willingly becoming a dart board and punching bag for Satan who wants nothing more than to see us spend eternity in a state of complete misery.

When you study the Bible, you will see Jesus being beaten and crucified as He is nailed to a cross and dies there for us. And all this may sadden you until you see what happened next. He was raised from death to life and is now able to assure all of those who believe in Him that they, too, will live that new life—not only on earth—but forever in eternity.

When this Christ asks me to abide in His Word so that I can be His disciple, it is pretty hard to say, "No thanks." In fact, when Jesus encourages us to abide in his Word, I pray that you will jump at the opportunity and seek the face of the Lord our God every day of your life. To God be the glory now and forever. Amen.

Now may the peace of God that transcends all understanding keep your minds and hearts in

# Daily Devotions

## *for the whole family!*

Discipling Grace-filled Ambassadors

**Monday, Nov. 2, 2020 – What Are You Scared Of?**

**Scripture:** *“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”* (Psalm 27:1).

What are you afraid of? Losing your job? Getting sick? Your children are floundering? Certainly when these things happen, there is cause for concern, but we are commanded never to be afraid. Countless times throughout Scripture, God exhorts us to trust Him, to be strong in His might, to be of good courage, for He is with us.

This promise is just as sure when we attempt to witness to others of the Lord Jesus. The Apostle Paul encouraged his spiritual son Timothy *“to fan into flame the gift of God”* so that he could be an effective steward of the Gospel. *“For God gave us a spirit not of fear, but of power and love and self-control”* (2 Timothy 1:6-7).

Courage to carry out God’s mission for us on this earth comes from faith that enables us to act in obedience to God’s will. We know that it is God’s will that no one should perish (2 Peter 3:9). We know that it is God’s will to use us to that end, for He commanded us to seek the lost, baptize them, and disciple them so that they, in turn, may be Christ’s grace-filled ambassadors in the world (Matthew 28:19).

God doesn’t promise that everything will turn out great if we obey Him. There will be doors slammed in our faces for, although some *“[worship] Him...some [doubt]”* (Matthew 28:17). Not everyone responded positively to Jesus Himself. *“Though He had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in Him”* (John 12:37). What we’re promised is God’s presence to give us courage.

**Prayer:** Lord, forgive me for forgetting Your promises and relying on my own strength, for that is sure failure. Help me to remember that I am only Your servant to carry Your message. Amen.

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Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2002 – Witnesses for Christ

**Scripture:** *“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house”* (Matthew 5:14-15).

The story is told of a young man who had been out of work for some time. Jobs were scarce, but he was at last offered a job for the summer in a logging camp up north. His parents and friends were somewhat concerned about the reaction of the rest of the crew when they found out the young man was a Christian. If the story-book image of a lumberjack was true, they were sure his life would be quite unbearable. Upon his return home in the fall, his mother immediately inquired as to what had taken place when the word got out that he was a Christian, to which he replied, “They didn’t find out!”

Most of us don’t find ourselves in logging camps, but do those around us, wherever we are, know we are Christians? Are they aware that we are God’s children? Does what comes out of our mouths ever leave any doubt as to who is in control of our lives? Jesus said, *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth”* (Acts 1:8). We are His witnesses. The question is: What kind? When Jesus’ disciples were told to stop preaching the Good News, they said, *“For we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard”* (Acts 4:20).

So how about us? God has blessed us with minds and mouths to speak. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God will give us the words and the courage to use them (Matthew 10:19). Let’s be aware of the opportunities He places before us and make sure that the whole world hears the Good News. Make up your mind, right now, to become a joy-filled witness of God’s love and forgiveness for all people.

**Prayer:** Dear Jesus, I come to You as a grateful person who thanks You for Your love and patience with me. Help me to be Your faithful witness to my family, friends, and those in my community. Place in me a desire to seek the lost. In Christ’s name I pray. Amen.

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Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2020 – The Lord Is with You

**Scripture:** “[God] has said, ‘I will never leave you; nor forsake you.’ So we can confidently say, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?’” (Hebrews 13:5b-6).

Why are we so timid when it comes to sharing the Gospel with others? Would-be witnesses often cite rejection as a fear. Do you think Jesus has sympathy for us in this area? Isaiah wrote, *“He was despised and rejected by men...”* (Isaiah 53:3). Jesus knows what it’s like to suffer rejection. He lived the phrase, “Been there, done that.” Others are afraid that they will be inadequate for the task; they do not know their Bibles well enough and their defense of the Gospel is weak.

Again, is Jesus unaware of our state? Read the interchange between God and Moses in Exodus 3-4. Yes, we are inadequate; yes, there are mysteries in the Scriptures that we will not understand till we’re in Heaven; and, yes, we won’t have the proper words to say. Jesus said, *“When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you”* (Matthew 10:19-20).

God loves us so much that He gave His only Son to die for us. That Child was born into a powerless family living in an unstable world. Yet the will of God was accomplished. Will He not also accomplish His purpose through us, powerless and inadequate as we are? It is HIS plan and HIS work, not our own, and He reiterates His promise to be with us to accomplish His will through us.

**Prayer:** Dear Heavenly Father, forgive me for my excuses. Help me to learn through the lives of Moses and Joshua and the prophets and disciples that You never forsake Your people and that You are present to help me carry out Your will on earth. Thank You for the opportunity to be a steward of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.



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### Discipling Grace-filled Ambassadors

Thursday, Nov. 5, 2020 – Living a Life of Light

**Scripture:** *“For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light”* (Ephesians 5:8).

Can people see God’s light through you? Actions, words, and lifestyle can be visible indicators of God’s presence within one’s life. Our character, compassion, gratitude, humility, perseverance, and faith will reflect God’s light when He is glorified and honored above all things. Within each of us are lights that can show others God’s glory and majesty, and we are to let that light shine. Our light may seem to us like twinkling candles in a dark world, but God will use and magnify them.

St. Peter said, *“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him Who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light”* (1 Peter 2:9). It is our purpose that our lives reflect our Redeemer in the midst of an unbelieving world. By word, deed, and actions, we are to acquaint those around us with the wonders of His love and the redeeming power of His death upon the cross.

When Christ is within us we are dead to sin, but our spirits are alive because of righteousness. With Christ, we live confidently *“know[ing] that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose”* (Romans 8:28).

*“But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin”* (1 John 1:7). We are not to walk in the light of our own conscience but in God’s light. When we walk in the light, things that are of darkness will hold no attraction for us.

Through Christ, we can live lives of light that don’t flicker, fade, or glow dimly but with light that radiates bright intensity. The Lord, Who is the light of the world, brings life and light to us all. In fervent gratitude, we are to hold up His light.

**Prayer:** Lord, You provide light in a dark world. Through Your light, I see a need for You as my Savior. Help me to reflect Your light among those around me. In Christ’s name I pray. Amen.

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**Friday, Nov. 6, 2020 – Be My Witnesses**

**Scripture:** *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8).*

You have a story to tell of Jesus and His love, because Jesus told you and me, *“You will be My witnesses.”* The word “will” is not a command, but indicates what we will do because of what God has done for us, by the mercy of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. Our sins have been washed away by Jesus’ blood. We are witnesses of our regeneration and new birth in Jesus by the Holy Spirit. We are to tell of how God has changed us marvelously by His grace from slavery to sin to those who are saved eternally.

We are not to be lawyers or debaters who talk people into accepting Christ, but witnesses to what was done for us through Jesus. When Jesus said, *“My witnesses,”* He meant that we should tell about Him, the Savior of all people, Who has already chosen us. Our story is the Gospel, which tells everyone that God has forgiven their sins in Jesus. By God’s grace, we have the certainty of that salvation. When He said, *“You,”* He meant that each one of us should be telling others about what Jesus has done for us—in salvation and in living the Christian life. No one can take your place, for only you can fulfill your responsibility. If not you, who?

Our Scripture verse says that you have a story to tell in *“Jerusalem,”* which is your own city, your own community, area, the place where you live. This involves witnessing personally, and also many of us being active in our congregation’s evangelism program. Our “Jerusalem” witness not only involves witnessing and evangelism, but also having a strong congregation in which a larger number of members are involved in Bible study, all of us worshipping regularly and gathering together to hear God’s Word, offering prayers and praise. This is where we fellowship together and care for and support each other, where we pray together for power and victory in our Christian lives, and where we serve God in the ministries of the church. Only as more members participate in our witness and service for Christ will our congregation’s light shine brightly in our own community and send rays of Gospel light to other areas of our country. If you are not a witness here, where will you be? If not now, when?

When Jesus said that we are to be witnesses or have a story to tell in *“Judea and Samaria,”* He meant in our town and areas where we begin new missions and congregations. Whether we witness in *“Jerusalem”* or *“Judea and Samaria”* we need to depend upon the power of the Holy Spirit working through us. If our witnessing depended upon us, we would fail. May we know and experience the strength of the Holy Spirit in our witnessing.

**Prayer:** Dear Heavenly Father, place in me a passion for the lost. Use me as your hands, feet, and mouth to share the Gospel to those who do not know You as their lord and Savior. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

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## Discipling Grace-filled Ambassadors

**Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020 – Having Beautiful Feet**

**Scripture:** *“As shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace”* (Ephesians 6:15).

Many churches, including our own church, will often provide a children’s message where the children are invited to the front of the church so they can hear a short message often related to the sermon. I want to share with you a children’s message that was shared at a church. The focus of the worship service for that day was witnessing for Jesus.

For the children’s message, the pastor, as usual, asked the young boys and girls to come forward for the message. However, he assigned the boys and girls an unusual task. They were to be the judges in a “beautiful feet contest.”

The pastors, day school teachers, and Sunday school teachers then proceeded to take off one shoe so that the children could judge who had the most beautiful feet. After the children had gleefully expressed their preference based on appearance, the pastor read Isaiah 52:7. *“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news...who brings good news of happiness...”* The Apostle Paul in Romans 10:15 restated that verse: *“How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”*

It was then that the children learned why Christian day school and Sunday school teachers’ feet were beautiful. It was because they used them to stand in front of the class and speak about Jesus’ love and to walk into the children’s homes and witness to their families about Jesus’ death on the cross for their sins. They learned that their pastor’s feet were beautiful because he used them to go from house to house, calling on families to find out if they knew Jesus, and because he used them to stand in the pulpit and proclaim the Gospel message.

The question we need to ask ourselves is: “Do we have beautiful feet?” God wants us to use our feet for His beautiful purposes. May God grant each of us beautiful feet that take the Gospel to those around us.

**Prayer:** Dear gracious Heavenly Father, may Your love within me overflow to those around me. Help me to be those people with beautiful feet who boldly and eagerly share the Gospel. Amen.

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Discipling Grace-filled Ambassadors

**Sunday, Nov. 8, 2020 – God’s Mission Becomes Our Mission**

**Scripture:** *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8).*

God gives us the privilege and opportunity to be His stewards of the Gospel. With transformed hearts, we become deeply concerned about people who are perishing because they do not know Jesus. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, we become Jesus’ hands, feet, and mouth to witness to those around us. Through us, He carries on His life-saving work. God *“desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth”* (1 Timothy 2:4). He seeks our participation in this mission effort.

Through the Great Commission, Jesus tells us to *“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, and teaching them to observe all I have commanded you.”* In Acts 1:8 we read, *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

We are called to be about God’s mission with all the resources He entrusts to us. It involves more than giving a token amount of our time, abilities, and money. It is not to be a part-time or a half-hearted activity. When we submit all that we are and have, God can do great things through us. With God’s help, we can have the mission zeal of the Apostle Paul who committed his life to tell people about Jesus’ love which was demonstrated on the Cross. May God help us to be tireless in our effort to share the Gospel.

**Prayer:** Dear Lord, thank You for loving me so lavishly. May Your love within me overflow to those around me. Grant me a passion as I witness to my families, co-workers, friends, and neighbors. In Your precious name I pray. Amen.

# DISCIPLES LIVING AS GRACE-FILLED STEWARDS



**Question: "What is Christian discipleship?"**

**Answer:** By definition, a disciple is a follower, one who accepts and assists in spreading the doctrines of another.

A Christian disciple is a person who accepts and assists in the spreading of the good news of Jesus Christ. Christian discipleship is the process by which disciples grow in the Lord Jesus Christ and are equipped by the Holy Spirit, who resides in our hearts, to overcome the pressures and trials of this present life and become more and more Christlike.

This process requires believers to respond to the Holy Spirit's prompting to examine their thoughts, words and actions and compare them with the Word of God. This requires that we be in the Word daily—studying it, praying over it, and obeying it. In addition, we should always be ready to give testimony of the reason for the hope that is within us (1 Peter 3:15) and to disciple others to walk in His way. According to Scripture, being a Christian disciple involves personal growth characterized by the following:

**1. Putting Jesus first in all things (Mark 8:34-38).** The disciple of Christ needs to be set apart from the world. Our focus should be on our Lord and pleasing Him in every area of our lives. We must put off self-centeredness and put on Christ-centeredness.

**2. Following Jesus' teachings (John 8:31-32).** We must be obedient children and doers of the Word. Obedience is the supreme test of faith in God (1 Samuel 28:18), and Jesus is the perfect example of obedience as He lived a life on earth of complete obedience to the Father even to the point of death (Philippians 3:6-8).

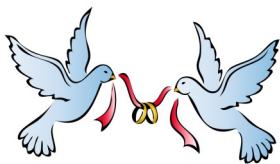
**3. Fruitfulness (John 15:5-8).** Our job is not producing fruit. Our job is to abide in Christ, and if we do, the Holy Spirit will produce the fruit, and this fruit is the result of our obedience. As we become more obedient to the Lord and learn to walk in His ways, our lives will change. The biggest change will take place in our hearts, and the overflow of this will be new conduct (thoughts, words and actions) representative of that change. The change we seek is done from the inside out, through the power of the Holy Spirit. It isn't something we can conjure up on our own.

**4. Love for other disciples (John 13:34-35).** We are told that love of other believers is the evidence of our being a member of God's family (1 John 3:10). Love is defined and elaborated on in 1 Corinthians 13:1-13. These verses show us that love is not an emotion; it is action. We must be doing something and involved in the process. Furthermore, we are told to think more highly of others than of ourselves and to look out for their interests (Philippians 2:3-4). The next verse in Philippians (verse 5) really sums up what we are to do when it comes to everything in life: "our attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus." What a perfect example He is to us for everything we are to do in our Christian walk.

**5. Evangelism - Making disciples of others (Matthew 28:18-20).** We are to share our faith and tell nonbelievers about the wonderful changes Jesus Christ has made in our lives. No matter what our maturity level in the Christian life, we have something to offer. Too often, we believe the lie from Satan that we don't really know enough or haven't been a Christian long enough to make a difference. Not true! Some of the most enthusiastic representatives of the Christian life are new believers who have just discovered the awesome love of God. They may not know a lot of Bible verses or the "accepted" way of saying things, but they have experienced the love of the living God, and that is exactly what we are to share.

## BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Name	Baptism
Darlene Albers	Nov 16, 1952
Leo Dose	Nov 26, 1932
Delores Gosch	Nov 5, 1939
Kaylee Goslar	Nov 20, 2005
Karen Krusen	Nov 4, 1951
Tari Miller	Nov 23, 1994
Chelsey Paulsen	Nov 11, 2018
Boston Paulsen	Nov 11, 2018
Melvin Schrader	Nov 21, 1926



Robert & Roberta Conyers	65 yrs.	Nov 13, 1955
Gary and Judy Kuehl	54 yrs.	Nov 20, 1966

NEEDED /WEEK	\$3,225.02
TOTAL GIVING (SUNDAY, (10-18-20)	\$1,035.00
Thankoffering (SUNDAY, (10-18-20)	\$520.00
TOTAL GIVING (SUNDAY, (10-25-20)	\$1,215.00
Thankoffering (SUNDAY, (10-25-20)	\$1,910.00
Watermelon fund raiser	\$126.00
Chicken dinner fund raiser	pending
SUNDAY ATTENDANCE (10-25-20)	37
VISITORS (10-25-20)	1
SUNDAY COMMUNED (10-25-20)	NA
SUNDAY CHILDREN IN CHURCH	4
BIBLE CLASS	7
SUNDAY SCHOOL	NA

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.



## BIRTHDAY

Name	Birthday
Leo Erlemeier	Nov 7, 1961
Maverik Goslar	Nov 11, 2010
Donna Goslar	Nov 30, 1948
Mary Greiner	Nov 30, 1954
Samatha Kelm	Nov 23, 1986
Betty Kuhlman	Nov 19, 1938 <b>82</b>
Erika McGrain	Nov 23, 1993
Trista Ohlmeier	Nov 28, 2006
Drake Paulsen	Nov 2, 2014
Selma Schrader	Nov 12, 1929 <b>91</b>
Carolyn Sexton	Nov. 2, 1939 <b>81</b>
Ramona Weber	Nov 4, 1961



**Faith Step: Ask Jesus to show you someone  
who needs a touch of His love.**

	Week of Schedule <b>11-02- to 11-08</b>
Mon	Pastor's Family Day
Tue	Board of Elders 7:00 pm
Wed	Confirmation Class 6 pm—7 pm
Sun.	9:30 am Worship Service Bible Learning 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am

<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

Bud Dose

Carol Dose

Selma Schrader

Elnora Dose

John Fick

Kathy Trucke

Jerry Albers

Myrna Gosch

Delores Gosch

**Sheri Heilman**— Sue Oberg's sister; **Ron Kraffle** friend of Marla & Joe Hogan; **Richard Swain**, neighbor of Karen and Jeff Krusen; **Lynette Dobrovolny** neighbor of Karen and Jeff Krusen **Jim Kueny**, Karen's husband **Lynne Smith** friend of Marla and Joe Hogan; **Jazmin Mauch**, granddaughter of Marla and Joe Hogan

**THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY** Triston Twedt, Ryan Trucke, Jackie Cardwell

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

**Bonnie Banks** 86 yrs. Jun 2, 1934

Main Street Apartments

516 Main Street Apt 2

Mapleton, IA 51034

**George Koithan** 88 yrs. Sept. 2, 1932

1726 Marcella Heights

Carroll, IA 51040

**Elnora Dose** 85 yrs. May 11, 1935

Embassy Rehab & Care Center

206 Port Neal Rd

Sergeant Bluff, IA 51054

**Delbert Kroll** 87 yrs. Jun. 1, 1933

Ring Street

Mapleton IA 51034

**Myrna Gosch** 79 yrs. Jan 9, 1941

Pleasant View Care Center

200 Shannon Dr. Rm #108

Whiting, IA 51063

**Delores Boysen** 81 yrs. Mar. 5, 1939

31153 Juinter Ave

Hinton, IA 51024

**Phyllis Fick** 92 yrs. Jun 3, 1928

Willow Dale Care—Assisted Living

404 1st St.

Battle Creek, IA 51006

**Evelyn Christiansen** 100 yrs. Jul 4, 1920

4204 SE. 29th Ave.

Amarillo, TX 79103 % Joan Valdez

**Carol Dose** 86 yrs. Jan. 22, 1934

Sunrise Ave.

Maple Heights Nursing Home

\*\* indicates a new address

***Spread the Fruits of the Spirit:***

***Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Gentleness, Kindness, Self-Control, Goodness, and Faithfulness. You will be rewarded***



## All of St. Matthew Saints that have gone before:

Name	Age	Baptism	Confirmation	Death
Marvin Kruse	89	Oct 19, 1930	Apr 13, 1943	Dec 1, 2019
Earl Schelm	108	Mar 26, 1912	Apr 14, 1924	Feb 19, 2020
Howard Kruse	83	May 16, 1936	Jun 5, 1949	Mar 3, 2020
Lillian Wodtke	104	Oct 22, 1916	Apr 13, 1930	Jun 7, 2020
Robert Banks	92	Nov 6, 1955	Nov 6, 1955	Aug 7, 2020
Arlene Kiepe	103	No record	No record	Aug 8, 2020
Janice Phillips	79	Aug 24, 1941	Mar 25, 1956	Aug 26, 2020



**ADDRESSES FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS NEEDING PRAYERS: BE A KIND CHRISTIAN  
AND SEND THEM A CARD I'M SURE THEY WOULD ENJOY!**

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

Selma Schrader  
21 Ohm Drive  
Mapleton, IA 51034

Kathy Trucke  
303 S 7th Street  
Mapleton, IA 51034

Delores Gosch  
202 S. 2nd St.  
Mapleton, IA 51034

Charles (Bud) Dose  
302 N. 2nd Ave.  
Anthon, IA 51004

Sheri Heilman  
(Sue Oberg's sister)  
1721 Lincoln Street  
Great Bend, KS 67530

Elnora Dose  
Embassy Rehab & Care Center  
206 Port Neal Rd  
Sergeant Bluff, IA 51054

Jerry Albers  
1313 Maple Street  
Onawa, IA 51040

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

John Fick  
4636 320th St.  
Danbury, IA 51019

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

Carsten Phillips  
2827 Stoddard Lane  
Dillon, MT. 59725

Richard Swain  
407 S. 5th Street  
Mapleton, IA 51034

Jim Kueny  
707 Oak St.  
Mapleton, IA 51034

Lynette Dobrovolsky  
410 S. 4th St.  
Mapleton, IA 51034

Lynne Smith: chose to not publish

Jazmin Mauch: chose to not publish

Ron Kraffle: chose to not publish





504 Walnut  
Mapleton, IA 51034

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO CONTINUE TO FILL UP WITH JESUS BY READING AND LISTENING TO THE BIBLE:

**LET'S STAY CONNECTED:** St. Matthew Lutheran Church Service at 9:30 am every Sunday at the church.

Facebook page-.St. Matthew Lutheran-Mapleton- Our services at 9 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 SHEPHEARD HOUR**” airs on the following stations every Sunday: 8 am Fort Dodge-KVFD 1400 AM; 8 am Sioux City—KSCJ 1360 AM; 10:30 am Storm Lake—

KAYL 101.5 FM **Lutheran Family Services**: www.lofsiowa.org **Main Street 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 God,

Thank you for spelling it out for us: there will always be trouble in the world. Strengthen us to stay strong in the midst of hardships. Equip us to encourage each other along the way. Pour out more love on us and help us to see each other with your eyes. In Jesus' name, Amen