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St Matthews Service

Rev. Christopher LaBoube

Second Sunday in Advent
12-05-2021

"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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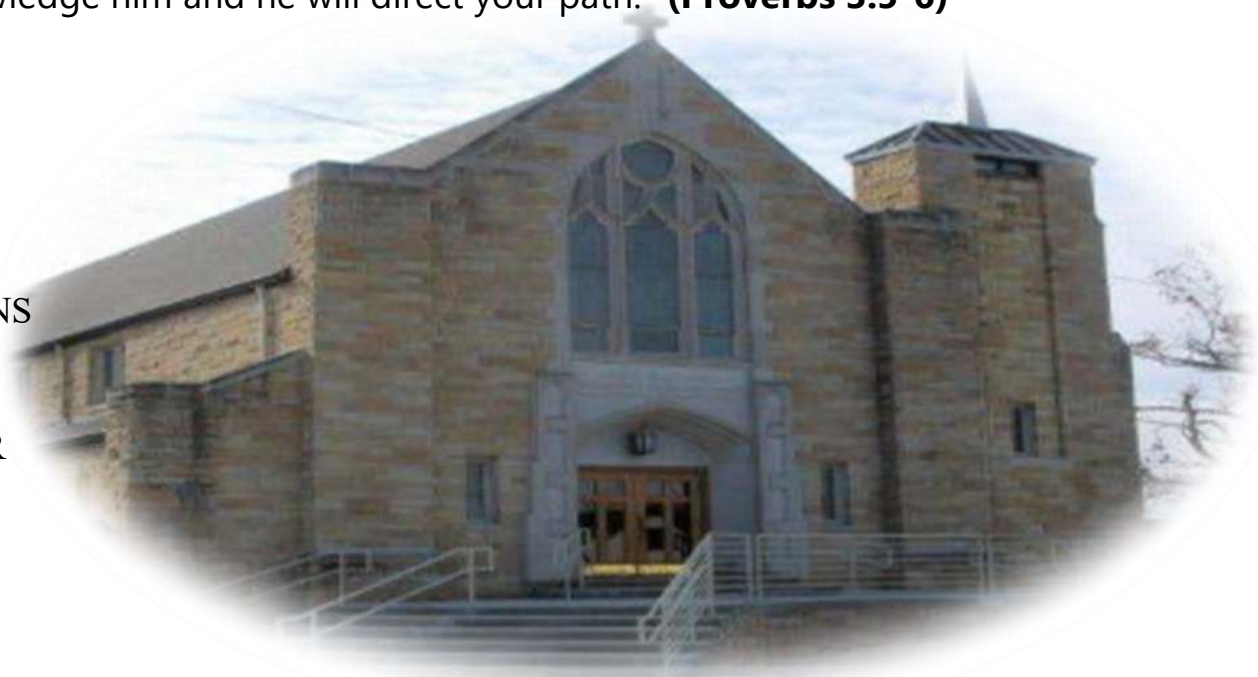
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Advent 2nd Sunday
5 December 2021

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Mapleton, IA
Malachi 3:1–7b / Psalm 66:1–12 / Philippians 1:2–11 / Luke 3:1–20

Sermon Title: What Does it Cost: Take up your Cross

Sermon Text: Matthew 16.13-28

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

Today we begin the second week of Advent. We continue talking about discipleship—inviting someone to walk alongside you, and to learn from you. If you are a teacher, pray about who you could invite to walk alongside you, and learn how to teach children, the adult Bible class or the Confirmation class. Whatever you do—even work outside the church—you can disciple someone else—or you can be discipled by someone else.

Discipleship is primarily about relationship—the relationship that God has with us all because of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. That relationship was broken back in the Garden of Eden, and it was only, because of Jesus that we are able to have a restored relationship with God.

So, who is Jesus? Think about that for a minute. It was the same question that Jesus asked his disciples—his followers. In those days, when a young man desires to learn from a certain teacher, he would follow that teacher around all the time, learning from him all the time in formal and informal situations. The student slowly became a disciple of that teacher. That’s why the Scriptures talk about the twelve disciples and about discipleship on a larger scale.

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?’ 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! (that is, Simon, son of Jonah) For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.’ (Matthew 16:13-17)

Jesus asks his disciples, who do the people say he is he. He isn’t asking them, because he doesn’t know. Jesus is asking them to hear them say what he knows is already in their hearts and minds. The disciples tell Jesus that some people say that he is the resurrected John the Baptist, or the resurrected Prophet Elijah or Jeremiah or another Old Testament prophet. But then, Jesus wants his disciples to share what he knows is on their hearts. Jesus asks them: *“Who do you say that I am?”*

Immediately, prompted by the work of the Holy Spirit, *“Simon Peter replied, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’”* Then, Jesus immediately points out that Simon Peter was able to proclaim that Jesus is the Messiah, who had been promised all throughout the Old Testament. *“And*

Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! (that is, Simon, son of Jonah) For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.'

Simon Peter was quickly prompted by the Holy Spirit to say boldly what he already believed—that Jesus IS the Son of God Most High. The other disciples likely believed the same thing even though Simon Peter answered first.

Then Jesus points out that it was the work of the Holy Spirit in Simon Peter to make such a bold confession. The same happens with you. When you fill up with Jesus, then you will know the truth and that truth will set you free from being in bondage to your sinful thoughts, words and actions. When you fill up with Jesus, then the Holy Spirit, who is living in you, will prompt you and encourage you to speak this word of truth from God's Word in every situation—even in very difficult situations.

The Holy Spirit does a lot more work in your life than you may realize—and that's okay. Sometimes it's good when you don't see the Holy Spirit working in you until something really important happens—or you get a tremendous insight into a bit of truth from the Bible that you had read a hundred times before.

I've experienced this myself, and I've heard some folks here tell me that the other day they were reading a passage of Scripture that they have read dozens of times before, and just the other day God opened their eyes to see an important point about that passage. That's a great example of the Holy Spirit working in your life.

The Holy Spirit prompts you to do the good works that God the Father has prepared in advance for you to do. The Holy Spirit equips you to do those good works that will glorify God and will build up those around you.

This is what Paul tells us in Ephesians chapter two: *"For we are [God's] workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."* (Ephesians 2:10)

These "good works" are what God offers you to do in order to fulfill the two Greatest Commandments—Love God and love your neighbor as yourself. If you don't know what "good works" God has prepared for you to do, then pray. Pray and ask God to show you what you should be doing in order to serve him by serving your neighbor. When God shows you what "good works" you should do, this is an example of the Holy Spirit working in you.

The Holy Spirit also encourages you when God prompts you to do something really hard—something that you don't really want to do. This is what Jesus was getting at when he told his disciples the importance of keeping their eyes fixed on him at all times.

"²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?'" (Matthew 16:24-26)

Taking up your cross and following Jesus ALL THE TIME is not always easy, but it is well worth it. Last Wednesday we talked about Paul starting out his life as a disciple of the Pharisees—living his life exactly according to the Law of Moses—and then how Jesus caused Paul to break his relationship with his old religious ideas and to develop a new relationship with Jesus, the Messiah.

If you say that you're a Christian, and believe whole-heartedly in Jesus Christ as your Lord

and Saviour, then Scripture clearly teaches that you will go to heaven when you die. No questions asked. Of course, if you don't believe in Jesus or have a half-hearted attitude about your relationship with God, then there might be question as to where you will go when you die. Only God knows where you will end up on the Last Day.

This is why Jesus encourages you to develop a relationship with him—to become one of his disciples—so that he can teach you all that he wants you to know. After a time, then Jesus will encourage you to disciple someone else—to share what you know with someone else. To spend intentional time developing a relationship with someone else so that you can help that other person grow—in his or her faith and grow in other areas of his or her lives.

When you willingly offer your life as a sacrifice to God, then you are saying to God that you know that everything you have—including your body, mind and spirit—were all given to you by God. So when you willingly take up your cross every day and willingly follow Jesus, then you are living out the two Greatest Commandments—love God and love your neighbor as yourself.

And as you live out these two Greatest Commandments, then the Holy Spirit is equipping you to disciple someone else—or to be discipled by someone else. There is nothing wrong in learning from someone else. After all, that's how knowledge is passed on—one person teaching another person.

Of course, being discipled or discipling someone is not always easy, but it is well worth it. So what do you do when you feel weak and weary—when you are mentally and physically exhausted—and don't want to keep discipling someone? The answer: Pray. That's what you should do—in any and every situation. So, when Jesus “...told his disciples, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.’”²⁵ *For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.*²⁶ *For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?”* (Matthew 16:24-26)

Jesus is serious when he talks about being one of his disciples. Jesus wants you to be all in. Jesus wants you to be 100% committed to following his teachings and his commandments. Jesus desires to be in a strong relationship with you. And when you continue to grow in your relationship with Jesus, then you are able to start nurturing and developing relationships with other people—people, who God brings into your life so that you can disciple them or they can disciple you.

This whole thing is a process, and it takes time. God has all the time in the world, and he invites you and me and all people to come to him and grow in your relationship with him. God the Father wants to teach you so much—he wants to disciple you in many ways—which is why he invites you to come to him and to join him in his ministry.

And after you continue nurturing your relationship with Jesus by filling up with His Holy Word, then you will be able to answer the question: Who is Jesus? Just like Peter's response. “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?’*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! (that is, Simon, son of Jonah) For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.’*” (Matthew 16:13-17)

Pray and ask God to help you to fill up with His Holy Word every day. Pray and ask God to help you figure out who you can disciple or who can disciple you. Pray and ask God to give you the words to boldly proclaim that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Seek the Lord while he may be found. Call upon him while he is near. Amen.

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

Advent 2021		Small Catechism Reading	
Bible Reading Plan		Nov. 28-Dec. 24, 2021	
Nov. 28--Dec. 24, 2021			
DAY	TOPIC	DAY	TOPIC
Nov. 28	Acts 1-2	Nov. 28	1st Comm & Mean
Nov. 29	Acts 3	Nov. 29	2nd Comm & Mean
Nov. 30	Acts 4	Nov. 30	3rd Comm & Mean
Dec. 1	Acts 5	Dec. 1	4th Comm & Mean
Dec. 2	Acts 6	Dec. 2	5th Comm & Mean
Dec. 3	Acts 7	Dec. 3	6th Comm & Mean
Dec. 4	Acts 8	Dec. 4	7th Comm & Mean
Dec. 5	Acts 9	Dec. 5	8th Comm & Mean
Dec. 6	Acts 10	Dec. 6	9th Comm & Mean
Dec. 7	Acts 11	Dec. 7	10th Comm & Mean
Dec. 8	Acts 12	Dec. 8	Close Comm
Dec. 9	Acts 13	Dec. 9	Creed 1st Article
Dec. 10	Acts 14	Dec. 10	Creed 2nd Article
Dec. 11	Acts 15	Dec. 11	Creed 3rd Article
Dec. 12	Acts 16	Dec. 12	LP Intro
Dec. 13	Acts 17	Dec. 13	LP 1st Petition
Dec. 14	Acts 18	Dec. 14	LP 2nd Petition
Dec. 15	Acts 19	Dec. 15	LP 3rd Petition
Dec. 16	Acts 20	Dec. 16	LP 4th Petition
Dec. 17	Acts 21	Dec. 17	LP 5th Petition
Dec. 18	Acts 22	Dec. 18	LP 6th Petition
Dec. 19	Acts 23	Dec. 19	LP 7th Petition
Dec. 20	Acts 24	Dec. 20	LP Close
Dec. 21	Acts 25	Dec. 21	Baptism First
Dec. 22	Acts 26	Dec. 22	Baptism Second
Dec. 23	Acts 27	Dec. 23	Baptism Third
Dec. 24	Acts 28	Dec. 24	Baptism Fourth
Dec. 25	Merry Christmas!	Dec. 25	Merry Christmas!

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'The Colors of the Liturgical Seasons'

Blue

Blue, the first color of the "Bg-Bgs-Pwr" scheme, is the more contemporary color increasingly used by many congregations in their observance of a new church year. Advent, a preparatory time of waiting and watching, communicates the message of hope. BLUE-the color of the sky-helps convey that powerful message. Our Christian faith rests on the hope that Christ, who came in history assuming our flesh, will also return on the last day of time from that same blue sky he ascended long ago.

Maturing in Christ: Called to Discipleship

During this Advent season (Nov. 28—Dec. 24), we're going to dig into the Scriptures to learn what God says about discipleship. Discipleship is being intentional about teaching someone else so that he or she can grow in his or her own faith. Teaching includes everything you do—how you act and react in every situation—and all that you say.

Every one of us in the church can and should participate in discipleship. Look at these encouraging instructions from Paul to Timothy: *"Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would a father, younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, in all purity."* (1 Timothy 5:1-2)

Scripture also tells us how each group of people—older men, older women, young men and young women—should behave: *"²Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness. ³Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, ⁴and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, ⁵to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled. ⁶Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled."* (Titus 2:2-6)

And one more encouragement for young men and women in the congregation: *"Before old age you shall get up, and you shall show respect for an old person; and you shall revere your God; I am Yahweh."* (Leviticus 19:32)

Everyone can and should disciple someone else. Discipleship starts with a willing heart. It also helps to do as Jesus encourages us: *"For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another."* (1 John 3:11)

As part of the Body of Christ, let us walk together as children of God, seeking to disciple each other. This is an exciting opportunity that we have during this Advent—Christmas Season as we prepare to receive from God the Father the greatest gift ever—eternal life through the one- and only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

We invite you to join us each Sunday at 9:30 a.m., and each Wednesday at 7 p.m. as we seek God to learn from him how to disciple other people. We also invite you to join us for the adult Bible class each Sunday after worship where we'll dig more into God's Word and talk about what discipleship looks like on a daily basis.

How to Disciple Fellow Church Members

First, you have to confess your sins and receive forgiveness.

2 Chronicles 7:14

Acknowledge that you aren't perfect, and need help from God.

Read Psalm 51 and Psalm 32

Second, you have to read God's instructions for reaching people with the Good News about Jesus.

"Marching Orders" in Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16

Third, you have to know who you are. Read Titus 2:1-8; 1 Peter 5:5-6 and Ephesians 6:1-3

Every person plays a different part in society.

Paul talks about Spiritual gifts in 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Then, he talks about each person in the church in 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Fourth, you have to know how to live the way God wants you to live.

Matthew 5:15-16

Luke 9:23-26

John 8:31-32

Luke 14:25-27

John 13:34-35.



Hans George Witzel went to be with Jesus on Friday, November 26, 2021 at his home. A funeral service will be held at 11am Mon. Dec. 6, 2021 here at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, with Reverend Christopher LaBoube officiating. A visitation will be Sun. Dec. 5, 2021 from 4pm to 6pm and a prayer service at 5pm. The full obituary can be found at <https://www.rushfamilycareservice.com/obituary/HansGeorge-Witzel>

We pray that the family find comfort in, *John 11:25-26 "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."*

There are Christmas cards in the Narthex of the Church. The cost is \$5.00 a Box.

Please save your old Portals of Prayer, The Outreach will be sending them to Okoboji.

Reminder: When you bring clothes for Finders Keepers no boxes, only clean clothes no tore or stained and now only fall and winter clothes no spring clothes. Thank you. Remember proceeds go to our church.

St. Matthew Cookie Candy Fair



Elders

12-01	Jeff Krusen	(712)840-9821
12-05	Duane Hamann	(712) 870-3450
12-08	Ryan Paulsen	(712) 840-0125
12-12	Joe Hogan	(712) 420-0775
12-15	Jeff Krusen	(712)840-9821
12-19	Mark Witzel	(760) 500-8902
12-22	Jeff Krusen	(712)840-9821
12-26	Leo Dose	(712) 880-0000

Screens

12-01	Dennis Muckey	712-840-6914
12-05	Mark Witzel	(760) 500-8902
12-08	Joe Hogan	(712) 420-0775
12-12	Dennis Muckey	712-840-6914
12-15	Mark Witzel	(760) 500-8902
12-19	Joe Hogan	(712) 420-0775
12-22	Dennis Muckey	712-840-6914
12-26	Mark Witzel	760-500-8902

Lay Readers

12-01	Mark Witzel	760-500-8902
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12-08	Ryan Paulsen	(712) 840-0125
12-12	Joe Hogan	(712) 420-0775
12-15	Joe Hogan	(712) 420-0775
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12-22	Joe Hogan	(712) 420-0775
12-26	Ryan Paulsen	(712) 840-0125

Altar Guild

DECEMBER	
Mavis Skow	712-881-2550
Dorothy Wessling	712-881-2039



	Week of Schedule 12-06 to 12-12
Mon 6	Pastor's Family Day
Tues 7	Board of Elders 7 pm
Wed 8	Confirmation Class 6:00 pm Advent Services 7 pm Elder: Ryan Paulsen Reader: Ryan Paulsen Screens: Joe Hogan
Sun 12	3rd Sunday in Advent Services 9:30 Elder: Joe Hogan Reader: Joe Hogan Screens: Dennis Muckey Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Bible Class 10:45 a.m.

Needed per Week	\$3,225.02
Sunday Giving 11-21-21	\$1,345.00
Thank Offering for 11-21-21	\$1,965.00
Sunday attendance 11-28-21	48
Children in Church 11-28-21	4
Visitors 11-28-21	4
Bible Class 11-28-21	11
Sunday School 11-21-21	6-c 1-t
In the Word 12-05-21	

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Janeal Holmes	Dec 26, 1951
James Else	Dec 10, 1953
Jeff Krusen	Dec 11, 1957
Carol Pritchard	Dec 30, 1957
Sheryl Schelm	Dec 23, 1960
Gene Kaderabek	Dec 18, 1962
Ryan Paulsen	Dec 5, 1965
Theodore Thoreson	Dec 12, 1968
Steve Pickel	Dec 11, 1972
Kurt Schmidt	Dec 3, 1980
Ryan Jacobson	Dec 19, 1982
Jessica Krohn	Dec 12, 1986
Tyler Paulsen	Dec 30, 1990
Ashlyn Davis	Dec 13, 2006
Sue Oberg	Dec 15, 1962



*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.*

DECEMBER BAPTISMS

Carolyn Sexton	Dec 2, 1939
Donna Goslar	Dec 5, 1949
Mardelle Vandevanter	Dec 17, 1951
Michael Wood	Dec 20, 1953
Delbert Kroll	Dec 27, 1953
Crystal Bretthauer	Dec 16, 1956
Julie Bollig	Dec 13, 1959
Ramona Weber	Dec 3, 1961
David Schrader	Dec 23, 1962
Linda Means	Dec 18, 1963
Ryan Paulsen	Dec 19, 1965
Vernon Jahn	Dec 28, 1969
Nicole Jacobson	Dec 25, 1977
Rustin Hinrickson	Dec 30, 1979
Tyler Soukup	Dec 18, 1988
Kenneth Carley	Dec 4, 1994
Cole Jensen	Dec 7, 1997
Kade Rotnicke	Dec 20, 1998
Trista Ohlmeier	Dec 19, 2006
Nolan Lamb	Dec 7, 2007

80 + Birthday God's Blessings

Fred Fletcher	Dec 18, 1940 81
Herman Arndt	Dec 26, 1937 84
Kay Elmquist	Dec 31, 1937 84
Dora Witzel	Dec 23, 1937 84

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God's Blessings on your Wedding Anniversary

Duane and Marilyn Hamann	Dec 01, 1963	58 yrs.
Gene and Nazaria Kaderabek	Dec 16, 1997	24 yrs.
Darrell and Lin Scott	Dec 13, 1964	57 yrs.



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

Before going to hospital
Private communion
Address or name changes
Death in the family
Birth of your baby
Making wedding plans



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
 Selma Schrader
 Gene Kaderabek

Carol Dose
 Alan Bruhn

Myrna Gosch
 Larry Wunschel

Melvin Schrader
 Fred Fletcher

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; **Kevin Reitz**, son of Caroline & Dis; friend of Kay Johnson. **Sharon Kuehl Henning** niece of Judy & Gary Kuehl; Tim Sanderson husband of Patty Sanderson

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

George Koithan 89 yrs. Sept. 2, 1932

Sunrise Ave.

Maple Heights Nursing Home 51034

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

Gene & Nazaria Kaderabek

310 S. 6th St.

Mapleton, IA 51034

Fern Jacobsen

Main Street Apartments

516 Main Street Apt 3

Mapleton, IA 51034

Alan Bruhn

14535 Walnut Ave

Mapleton, IA 51034

Sharon Kuehl Henning

312 Highcroft

Window MN 56101

Cecil, Fred Fletcher

1225 B Ave.

Danbury, IA 51019

Larry Wunschel

819 Ring St.

Mapleton, IA 51034

Tim Sanderson

Home now

*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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Worship time: Sunday



9:30am Worship Service

10:45 Bible Class

10:45 Sunday School

In His Footsteps:

It is not in receiving
but in giving that
you will find lasting
joy of living. For

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.lwofsiowa.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 God, Thank you for waking me up for a brand-new day. Give me a fresh start so that I may walk in your strength and purpose for my life. Forgive me for my faults from yesterday and help me to walk closer to your side today. Help me to radiate your light to everyone I meet , so that they may see your love through me. Guide my every step. I cannot make it through the day without you. I love you Jesus Amen