



St Matthews Service

Rev. Christopher LaBoube

Fourth Sunday in Advent
12-19-2021

"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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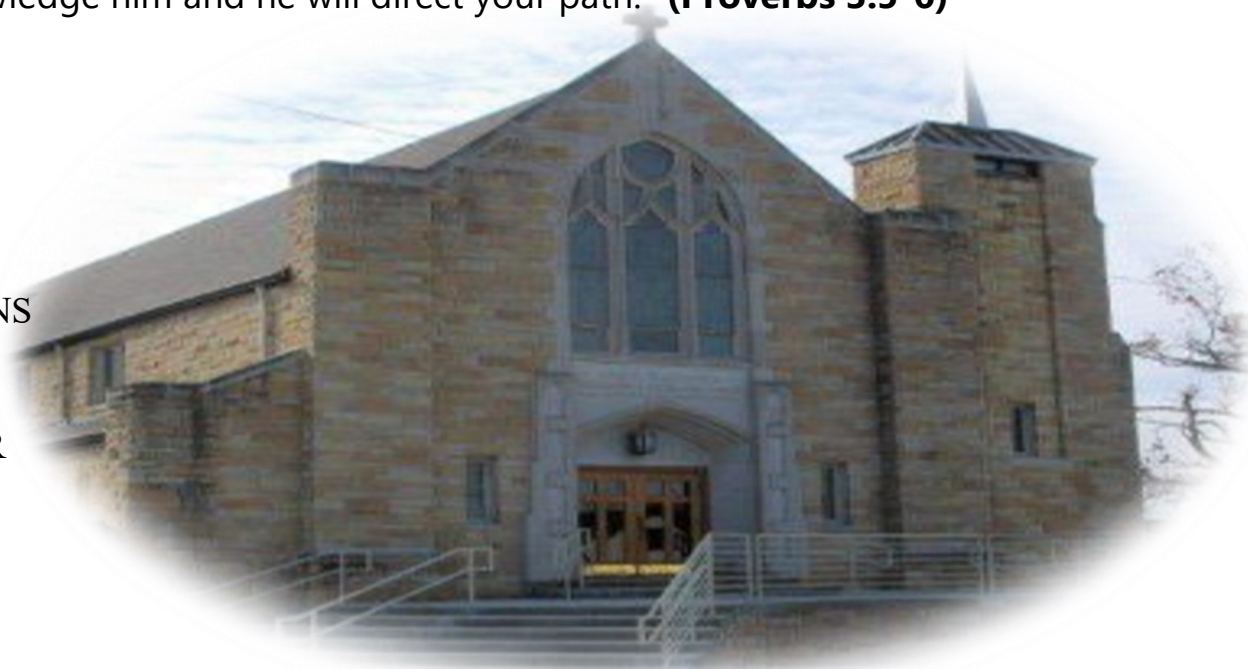
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There will be no sermon due to the Children's Christmas program will be that Sunday in place of it. They will be telling the story in Word and Song. The regular schedule will continue next week.

Maturing in Christ:
Called to Discipleship

How does the church grow? It grows by the work of the Holy Spirit working in each of us to tell our neighbors, friends and coworkers about all that Jesus has done in our lives.

This is what we confess in the Apostles' Creed: the Third Article Meaning: "I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith." (Small Catechism)

Sharing your faith can seem scary or daunting, but it doesn't have to be. After all, it is God the Holy Spirit doing all the work. Your job is simply to follow along and share the hope you have in Jesus when you're given the opportunity.

The church is where God's Name is kept holy and His Word is preached. The Lord's Prayer: the First Petition Meaning explains: "God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!"

As the church grows, then so do its members. God has given every member some "spiritual gift" or ability to help grow the Body of Christ in every congregation. This is what discipleship is all about.

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.

Everyone 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: "²*Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness.* ³*Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good,* ⁴*and so train the young women to love their husbands and children,* ⁵*to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.* ⁶*Likewise, 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.

During this Advent season (Nov. 28—Dec. 24), we’re going to dig into the Scriptures to learn what God says about discipleship. Join us for as many services and Bible studies as you’re able. God bless you this Advent season!

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!

*Prepare your hearts for
the coming of Jesus.*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is that time of the year again where we will need volunteers to help with snow removal, please contact the church or the property board.

Orphan Grain Train is accepting new bars of soap. There is a box in the back of the church.

Helping Hands will start up again the 1st Wednesday, January 5th.

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

The Cookie Fund Raiser Committee is saying a big Thank You to all of the people that furnished cookies, candy or other baked items. It was a lot of fun and we raise \$729.50. Also we gave cookies for our active duty Veterans plus paying for the shipping

‘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.

Our Banners used in Service

It is interesting to note how often Jesus used symbols to illustrate heavenly truths in His teaching. He said: “I am the Light of the world” (John 8:12 RSV). “Consider the lilies of the field” (Matthew 6:28 RSV). “I am the true Vine” (John:6 RSV). “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field” (Matthew 13:44 RSV). “I am the Good Shepherd” (John 10:11 RSV).

Symbols are the language of Christian art. Since the beginning of the Christian church, religious symbolism has developed as a means by which Christians identify with one another and share their beliefs. Many symbols of the early church remain in art today as visible signs through which an artist is able to impart their understanding of God.



The **Crown** represents the Kingship of Jesus Christ and His place of honor at the right hand of God. A seven-pointed Crown highlights the number seven, which is used 735 times in the Bible. Seven symbolizes completeness and perfection. Although this crown only has 3-points. A symbol of the divine nature of Jesus Christ. A crown also can be used to denote our status as heirs of heaven.

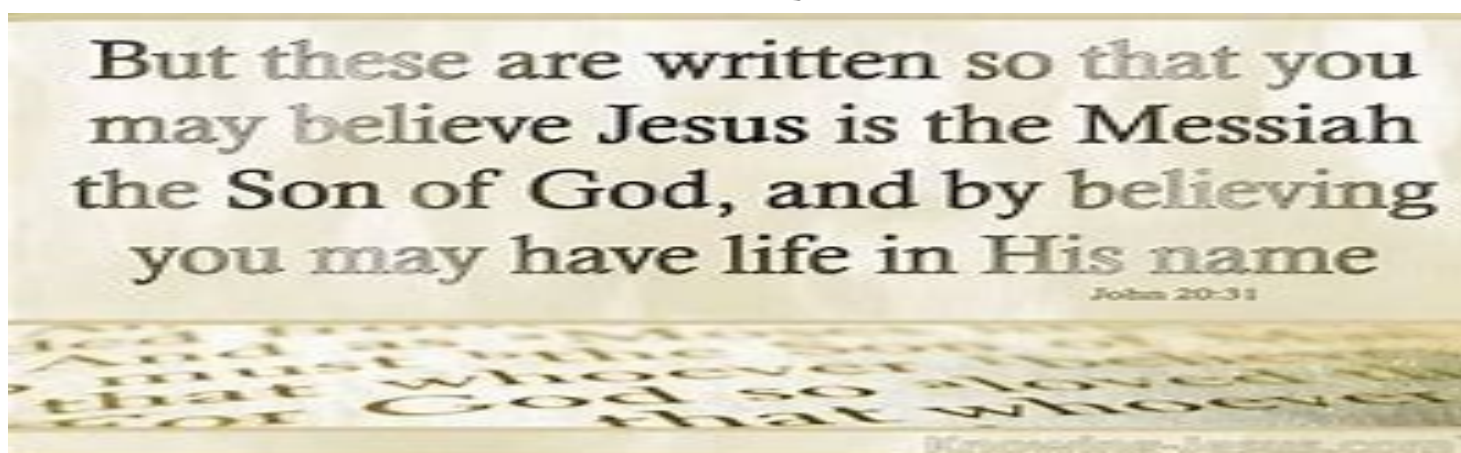
The king’s crown was a symbol **of his representative rule of the kingdom that was ultimately ruled by God, God is the only true authority, the everlasting King.** One day we will see Christ with many crowns on his head, an image of his ultimate authority (Rev 19:12).

12-19	Mark Witzel	(760) 500-8902
12-22	Jeff Krusen	(712)840-9821
12-26	Leo Dose	(712) 880-0000

12-19	Joe Hogan	(712) 420-0775
12-22	Dennis Muckey	712-840-6914
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12-26	Ryan Paulsen	(712) 840-0125

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



Memory Verse for the week of 12-19-2021

	<u>Week of Schedule 12-20 to 12-26</u>
Mon 20	Pastor's Family Day
Wed 22	NO Confirmation Class 6:00 pm Advent Services 7 pm Elder: Jeff Krusen Reader: Joe Hogan Screens: Dennis Muckey
Thur 23	Christmas Eve Service 5:30 pm
Sat 25	Merry Christmas Jesus is Born
Sun 19	1st Sunday in Advent Services 9:30 Elder: Leo Dose Reader: Ryan Paulsen Screens: Mark Witzel Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Bible Class 10:45 a.m.

Needed per Week	\$3,225.02
Sunday Giving 12-12-21	No report
Wednesday Giving 12-15-21	No report
Sunday attendance 12-12-21	38
Wed. attendance 12-15-21	NA
Children in Church 12-12-21	4
Children in Church 12-15-21	NA
Visitors 12-12-21	2
Bible Class 12-12-21	8
Sunday School 12-12-21	8

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER BAPTISMS



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.*

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

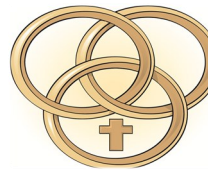
**Walk in Love
Be Kind to
one another.**

**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

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; **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

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: A
cheerful smile, a
friendly word, a sym-
pathetic nod, all gifts
God has put in our
hearts to be given to
others.

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 Ser-** **vices:** www.lfsiowa.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 of hope, who brought love into this world, be the love that dwells between us.

Amen