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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Summer can be a busy time: vacations, work, family time, kids home from school... And with all that's been going on this summer, I've been thinking a lot about vocation. If I were to ask you about your vocation, I'm sure one of the first things to pop into your head would be whatever it is you do for a living. This is often our go to when it comes to thoughts about vocation. But literally vocation means calling. Your vocation is whatever you are called to.

So when I ask you what is your vocation, your first thoughts should not be of your job, that place you go to work. It should be about God. God is the one who calls you. He calls you to many different things. And first and foremost, he calls you to faith. St Paul reminds us of this in Ephesians 4:4:

You were called to the one hope that belongs to your call

You have been called to hope. You and I have been called to be children of God, to put our hope and trust in Him.

As children of God, we have a vocation. We have a job to do. We are called to share His good news. We can look to Matthew 28 and hear Jesus command, His call, to go into all nations and make disciples. But living up to our vocation as Christians also means following God's commands. We have been called to obedience.

But God has also given us other callings. We have been called to other tasks. God has given us other vocations. In fact, each one of us was called to a vocation at birth. We were called to be sons and daughters. As we get married we receive another vocation: spouse. As we have children we receive another vocation: parent.

And we haven't even arrived at our more common definition of vocation. Just a few verses after Ephesians 4:4 St Paul goes on to list how God has called us to different vocations. Ephesians 4:11 states:

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers

These are just some of the vocations God has given us. There's farmers, doctors, nurses, store personnel, and so much more.

So with so many different vocations, what's a faithful Christian to do? How can one faithfully live out one's vocations. After all to use myself as an example, I've got quite the list of vocations: Child of God, Husband, Father, Pastor, Son, Brother, Friend.

We can all feel the pull of our different vocations, the struggle for balance and as the saying goes, "keeping the plates spinning." But no matter what vocation you are focused on at the moment, no matter the struggles you may be going through, remember Ephesians 4:4. **You have been called to one hope.** You have been called to hope in Christ.

God gives us hope. He promises us his help. Philippians 4:19 states:

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

God will take care of us. He gives us reason to hope no matter what our vocations bring. He is watching over us.

And he has supplied our greatest need. He has supplied our need for salvation. Notice how St Paul ended that statement in Philippians 4:19 "In glory in Christ Jesus." It is in Christ that God takes care of us. He supplies us with what we need to fulfill our vocations. So, called people of God, take courage, have hope, fulfill your calling.

In His Peace,

Pastor Nathan Peitsch

Green, comes next in the acronym and is by far the most common color seen during the year.

Lutheran Service Book calls for its use during the seasons of Epiphany and Pentecost. The first Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox (March 21), also known as Easter Sunday, determines the length of these two seasons. The days of Epiphany may entail a total of, but not more than, eight Sundays. The season of Pentecost, on the other hand, can last from 22 to 28 Sundays. Green is the appointed color for all but a few of the Sundays during these seasons. Consequently, green may be used an average of six to eight months of any given liturgical year!

SEASON	DATE	FESTIVAL	FIRST READING	PSALM	EPISTLE	GOSPEL
Pentecost	Aug. 6 (Prop. 13)	Tenth S. a. Pentecost	Isaiah 55:1-5	Psalms 136:1-9 (23-26)	Rom. 9:1-5 (6-13)	Matt. 14:13-21
	Aug. 13 (Prop. 14)	Eleventh S. a. Pentecost	Job 38:4-18	Psalms 18:1-6 (7-16)	Rom. 10:5-17	Matt. 14:22-33
	Aug. 20 (Prop. 15)	Twelfth S. a. Pentecost	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8	Psalms 67	Rom. 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32	Matt. 15:21-28
	Aug. 27 (Prop. 16)	Thirteenth S. a. Pentecost	Isaiah 51:1-6	Psalms 138	Rom. 11:33-12:8	Matt. 16:13-20

GREEN



Altar Guild for August

Altar Guild	Judy Kuehl 1-712- 880-2778
Altar Guild	Deb Jensen 1-712-880-0426
Altar Guild	Janeal Holmes 1-712-899-8095

I asked God to grant me patience. God said, No. Patience is a byproduct of tribulations; it isn't granted, it is learned.

VBS PICTURES



FOR MORE PICTURES PLEASE GO TO OUR WEB SITE, **website:**
www.stmatthewmapleton.org

VBS

Another year of Vacation Bible School is over. Our theme this year was Big Jungle Adventures.

The first day we started with a journey down the river to find baby Moses in the basket. God kept Moses safe down the river because he had bigger plans for him. We did the tie dye shirts to start off the night, created some sand art, danced and sang to music, enjoyed snacks and played games.

Day 2 we focused on Moses parting the re sea, God was there to save Moses and the Israelites from the Egyptians chasing them. He kept them safe. We played music and games, enjoyed snacks and painted rocks.

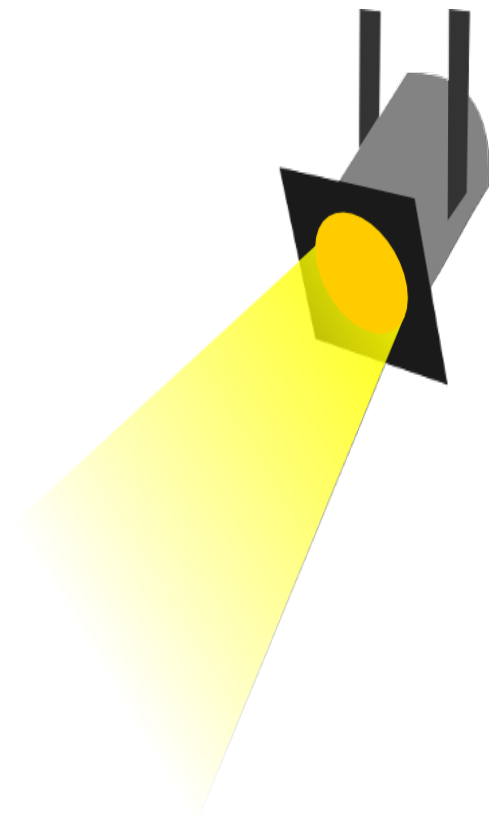
Day 3 we focused on finding the empty tomb. This story was a significant sign that Jesus had risen and he saved us. He was now with God and the Holy Spirit.; We colored crosses, played music and ended the night with a pizza party.

Each journey related to Moses and significant points in his journey of life that God planned for him.

The kids enjoyed their time at VBS this year and received a medallion following the week, special thanks to Dennis for creating those and a special thanks to Mardelle for providing piggy banks churches. Thanks, Pastor Pietsch, for his support during VBS. Thanks you to Wayne, Zola, and Larry for taking the kids on a special journey with the puppets each day. Thank you Ryan for getting the kids moving with music. Thank you Lin for making the snacks matching the theme of the day.

I would also like to thank all the helpers that participated, including: Pastor Peitsch, Ryan, Marla, Joe, Wayne, Zola, Karen, Dennis, Lin, Joan, Mardelle, Ramon, Janeal, Mark, Samantha, Chelsey, Larry, Karla, Rita, and Marilyn.

It could not have been possible without everyone's support. Thank you, Dawn Paulsen



Tie Dying Shirts Day 1



Tie Dye shirts Drying



Walking the Nile to find baby Moses



Devotions with Puppets



Lesson time starts with prayer



Last Day Pizza Party

Mission Central

Not one but two Missionary families from Taiwan were here on July 22nd 2023!

It truly was one of those special days at the Lord's Mission Central! Yes, we had the honor and privilege of hearing in person reports from our Missionary Teachers, Andrew and Noel Schaff, who teach at Concordia Middle School and you will see their picture attached in our office with our Jesus and also these folks presenting to a large crowd for the day

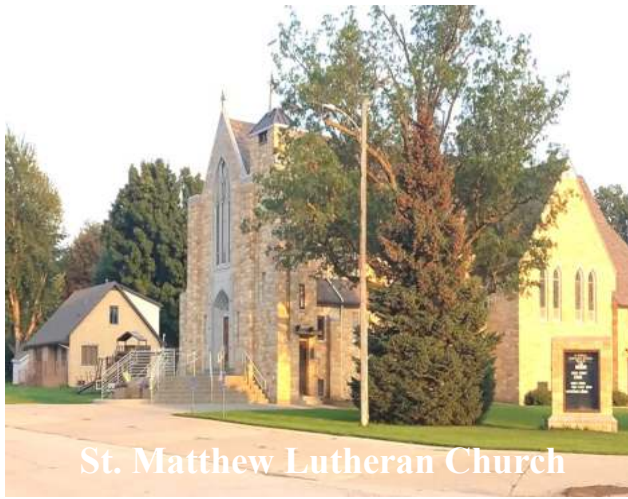
Then we heard the report from Rev. Michael Paul and his wife Irene, who serve as Theological Educators there in Taiwan. They are pictured with Rev. Paul presenting and their new picture taken in our office with our Boss in the background.

Then you will notice the wonderful photo of a group of pastors and laypeople praying for these dear missionaries, and sending them off to the Lord's calling.

It was one of those days that we will never forget and we had visitors from Holstein, Iowa, Clarinda, Iowa, Harbine, Nebraska, and Cambridge, Nebraska and Schleswig, Iowa.

A hot meal was served to 52 visitors by volunteers from St. Matthew Lutheran Church. They were Lin Scott, Rita Lafrentz, Maxine Thies, and Joan Chandler.





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Sept. 24th, 2023 is having a Hot Beef Sandwich & Bars \$12.00 a person.

Hosted by the Outreach Board, Marilyn Hamann (712) 870-1947, Ramona Weber (712) 840-9837.

Curbside service in front of the Beef & Brew from **11:00 to 1:00 pm**

ALL Orders prior to Sept 15th (712) 881-2243(church office phone)

Tickets can be purchased in advanced by phone or in person.



PLEASE HELP There is a need for beds in the parsonage. John Stacy would be willing to offer a place to stay when a missionary is in town if that need arises. If you have an extra bed please let St. Matthew know. Thank you.



The things you find under you bed!



Scooper Beef

MY FAVORITE RECIPE

SUBMITTED BY: Joan Chandler

1. Spread a serving dish with sour cream
2. Cover sour cream with Taco meat
3. Cover meat with salsa
4. Cover salsa with cheese
5. Cover cheese with shredded lettuce sprinkle with cheese
6. Cover with tomatoes.
7. Serve with taco chips

August Birthdays

Wanda Andre	1949-08-29
Jessica Brodersen	1984-08-05
Presley Bruhn	2009-08-03
Donovan Buss	1976-08-27
Michael Carley	1959-08-07
Cathy Dose	1960-08-17
Steve Dose	1956-08-28
Shelly Frahm	1965-08-15
Joseph Hogan	1961-08-16
Sheldon Jacobson	1954-08-13
Deb Jensen	1970-08-21
Cindy Jochims	1954-08-25
Peggy Ketelsen	1952-08-09
Kenneth Krueger	1947-08-16
Brenda Kuhlmann	1965-08-06
Barb Lyon	1943-08-04
Linda Means	1963-08-11
Kelly Nevins	1971-08-06
Matthew Paulsen	1985-08-25
Henry Riesberg	2015-08-17
Bryan Scheer	1984-08-11
Shirley Scoles	1943-08-30
Darrin Skow	1971-08-22
Colleen Sperry	1957-08-10
John Stoll	1947-08-01
Steven Stoll	1968-08-15
Brent Streck	1974-08-12
Alisha Weber	1985-08-21
Roxie Wray	1958-08-20
Kohen Wunschel	`2021-08



August Baptisms

Betsy Brodersen	2005-08-28
Kaylee Brodersen	2005-08-28
Jeffrey Creswell	1960-08-14
Kris Dale	1961-08-06
Kaye Flanigan	1990-08-12
Brittney Gray	1987-08-02
Marilyn Hamann	1945-08-12
Marla Hogan	1960-08-07
Kay Ingram	1939-08-20
Brad Jochims	1974-08-17
JILL Madson	1987-08-30
Donna Mau	1945-08-12
Dennis Namanny	1944-08-15
Frank Negless	1987-08-09
Kelly Nevins	Aug, 1971
Matthew Paulsen	1990-08-18
Nate Paulsen	1990-08-18
Stacy Pithan	1983-08-21
Jeannette Riesberg	1957-08-11
Travis Riesberg	1985-08-04
Austin Schauer	1987-08-09
Bryan Scheer	1984-08-26
Marley Scott	2008-08-10
Karla Uhl	1962-08-12
Cassidy Walker	1993-08-14

80+ Birthday God's Blessings

Jim Brodersen	84 yrs.	1939-08-28
John Fick	91 yrs.	1932-08-17
Gary Thies	81 yrs.	1942-08-28

God's Blessings on your Wedding Anniversary

Brian and Brenda Brown	39 years	1984-08-04
Dan and Pam Kovarna	52 years	1971-08-28
Dennis and Melinda Na-	41 years	1982-08-04
Ryan and Dawn Paulsen	37 years	1986-08-31

The 5-Finger Prayer



Thumb: Pray for those closest to you: your family and friends.

Pointer finger: Pray for those who point you in the right direction: your teachers, and other leaders in your life. Pray for wisdom and support.

Middle finger (tallest): Pray for those that lead us: those in government, in business, in church leadership. Pray for guidance and wisdom.

Ring finger (weakest): Pray for those who are poor, sick, in pain, in trouble: those most in need.

Pinkie finger (smallest): Pray for yourself and your own needs.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to help plan services in the park please contact Joe Hogan at (712)-420-0775



Q: Throughout the bible God used animals and objects as instruments for communicating important truths. The Lord opened the mouth of what animal that talked to its master Balaam? Numbers 22:28 A: Found on pg. 11



Isaiah

It's time to "fuel up." Use your Bible to answer these questions about the book of Isaiah—stop 23 on our *Route 66* road trip!

1. How many chapters are in the book of Isaiah? _____
2. What happened to Isaiah in the year that King Uzziah died? (6:1–6)

3. How did Isaiah answer God's call? (6:8–9)

4. Read Isaiah 7:14 and 9:6–7. Whose birth did Isaiah describe hundreds of years before it took place? (Hint: See also Luke 1:26–33.)

5. How did Isaiah describe God? (25:4)

6. What does God promise those who trust in Him? (26:3)

7. What message did God give Isaiah for King Hezekiah? How did the king respond? What did God do? (38:1–5)

8. What good news did God tell Isaiah to share with His people? (40:1–2)

9. What did God promise in Isaiah 43:1–2?

10. What did God tell Isaiah that He was going to create? (65:17)




Mile Marker: Read what Isaiah had to say about Jesus, God's "Suffering Servant," in Isaiah 53. How was Jesus "satisfied" by His death on the cross? (See 53:11.) What gave Him joy in the midst of His suffering and pain? (Hint: Read Hebrews 12:2 and John 3:16.) Share your thoughts in your *Souvenir Scrapbook*.

AUGUST 2023 ST MATTHEW CALENDAR



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SUN: Pick up 7am Take home after service	MON	TUES: Pick up 8am Take home: 3:30 pm	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
6 10th Sun. a. Pentecost services w/HC 8 a.m. Uber: Duane Hamann Elder: Mark Witzel Reader: Mark Witzel Screens: Joe Hogan Bible Cl. after services	7	1 Rev. N. Peitsch in office 8:30 am to 3:30 pm Uber: Mark Greiner	2 Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm	3	4	5 Thanks be to God.
13 11th Sun. a. Pentecost Sun. of services 8 a.m. Uber: Alan Dale Elder: Alan Dale Reader: Karen Kueny Screens: Dennis Muckey Bible Cl. after services Triumph Sound Quartet 4pm	14  Cleaning at the church 9-11 am	8 Rev. N. Peitsch in office 12N to 3:30 pm Uber: Eric Witzel pickup / Sue Kruse take home	9 Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm	10	11	12
20 12th Sun. a. Pentecost Sun. of services w/HC 8 a.m. Uber: Karla Uhl Elder: Brian Brown Reader: Karen Kueny Screens: Joe Hogan Bible Cl. after services	21	15 Rev. Nathan Peitsch in office 8:30am-3:30pm Uber: Rita Lafrentz In the Word 10 am <i>Helpful Hints</i> Uber for the Board of Elders 7 pm (Mark Witzel) Pick up and take home	16 Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm	17	18	19
27 13th Sun. a. Pentecost Sun. of services 8 a.m. Uber: Mark Greiner Elder: Joe Hogan Reader: Joe Hogan Screens: Mark Witzel Bible Cl. after services	28	22 Rev. N. Peitsch in office 8:30 am to 3:30 pm Uber: Rita Lafrentz Board of Directors 7pm Uber: Mark Witzel	23 Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm	24	25	26
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*The prayer of a righteous man
is powerful and effective.”*



Members of St. Matthew with Special Needs and Concerns

Nazaria Kaderabek Myrna Gosch Selma Schrader Marlene Phillips
Fred Fletcher Roberta Conyers Ann Schmidt Shirley Scoles Joe Hogan

Family / Friends of Members with Special Needs and Concerns

Ron Kraffle (friend of Marla & Joe Hogan); **Beth Weber**, cousin of Dean and Ramona Weber; **Randy Colshan**, (friend of Marla & Joe Hogan); **Suzie Jacapello**, (sister of Nazaria Kaderabek); **Tim Sanderson** friend of Dennis Muckey; **Morgan Bailey** (baby of Sharell and Dillon Bailey, neighbors of Kay Johnson is home on oxygen and gaining!) **Jerri Haindfield** (Marilyn and Duane Hamann's daughter.) **Doug VonWeihe** (Uncle to Sarah Schmidt). **Delores Uhl** 826 5th St Hampton, IA 50441 (641-425-440)(former member and friend of Kay Johnson); **Kristin Webb**; Sarah Schmidt's best friend's sister diagnosed with the rarest form of leukemia AML, she is only 39. **Jenikka Schaffer**, former member, (friend of Zola Kafton). **Tammy Tollfuson**, in 3rd stage heart failure relative to Dean and Ramon Weber. **Paul Rifle**; friend to Marla and Joe Hogan.

Military

Ryan Trucke serving with U.S. Air Force at FE Warren AFB in Wyoming son of Beth & Ed Trucke, Grandson of Kay and Richard Johnson)

Jackie Cardwell serving U.S. Airforce at 17728 Margo S. Omaha, NE 68136 (niece of Jeff & Karen Krusen)

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

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

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A: A donkey (ass) Numbers 22:28



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In His Footsteps: The
way to God is with
faith in your heart take
the path that He trod.
The way of the cross

LET'S STAY CONNECTED OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO CONTINUE TO FILL UP WITH JESUS By
READING AND LISTENING TO THE BIBLE **Mission Central...** www.missioncentral.us **Lutheran
Family Service:** www.lfsiowa.org **WEB SITES:** [Iowa District West—www.idwlcms.org](http://www.idwlcms.org) [Camp
Okoboji – www.campokoboji.org](http://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 **MainStreet Living**— is a
Television Program that is endorsed by the Iowa West District of the LCMS This program is broad-
cast 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 Lord, sometimes I grow weary; sometimes I am discouraged; sometimes I am fearful,
Yet when I turn my heart and my prayers to You, I am secure. Renew my strength, Father,
and let me draw comfort and courage from Your promises and from Your unending love.
Amen ✝