



St Matthew In Action



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Summer is upon us and many take advantage of these months to get outside and enjoy time in God's creation. There are any number of things we can do. Perhaps you like to just sit under a tree and read. Maybe you enjoy camping or fishing. Perhaps you've already spent a fair bit of time at sporting events watching your children or grandchildren play. And I know that many of you have gardens that you enjoy tending to this time of year.

God has given us a beautiful world to live in. He created it for us. Genesis 1 tells us God gave Adam and Eve all the trees in the Garden of Eden to eat from except for one. There we also read that God told Adam and Eve, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." Gen 1:28

They were given dominion over the whole world. God created it all so that we could live here and enjoy this world that God has blessed us with.

Throughout the scriptures we see as God's people enjoy the fruits of His creation. Noah and his family planted a vineyard. Abram and Lot were given fertile places in the promised land. The list could go on and on of God's people spending time outdoors.

God also came to His people outside. Jacob had a dream and wrestled with God as he slept outside under the stars with just a rock for a pillow. The people of Israel wandered in the wilderness for 40 years and throughout their wanderings God provided for them: clothes that didn't wear out, sandals that lasted forever, miraculous food from heaven, and water from rocks.

Jesus meets many of His disciples outside, some while they are fishing, others mending nets, and Paul while he was traveling down the road. Nathanael, as Phillip comes to him and announces that they have found Jesus is a bit incredulous. But when he meets Jesus we read,

"Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." John 1:48

Jesus knew him even before he had been called. He saw him under the fig tree. Jesus matter of factly shows His divine nature to Nathanael in this one simple statement.

God has given us a beautiful world to enjoy, a world He has entrusted to us to take care of. We hear the psalmist praise God multiple times for the works God has made, In Psalm 139 we hear,

"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well." Ps 139:14

Or Psalm 19,

"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork." Ps 19:1

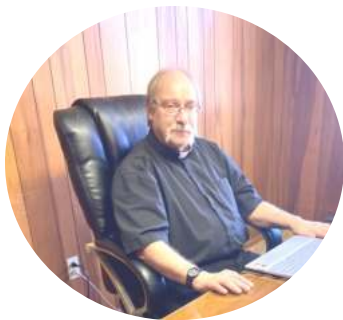
God's creation proclaims His glory. And we too as part of that creation are called to glorify Him.

So this summer as you have opportunity to go outside, whether you're fishing, camping, hiking, swimming, relaxing in your backyard, or whatever you find yourself doing. Let us all thank and praise God for the wonders of His beautiful creation. In Christ,

Pastor Nathan Peitsch

FROM THE VICAR:

July 1, 2024



In a few more years, St. Matthew will celebrate its 125th Anniversary. For the past few weeks I have announced that we are looking for a member(s) who may be interested in becoming the church Historian. They would pour through church records amassing information and possible displays for the anniversary. One person does not have to do this, can be a group effort. Either way, God will lead you as you consider this task.

This past week various historical documents have been left with me. What a rich history at St. Matthew. God has truly blessed His church as He has brought forth his grace in the means of word and sacrament through these past 123 years.

Still the church has underwent remarkable change. Part of the documents left with me were old pictorial directories. As one goes through these in order, the first question always is: What became of all these members. So many families and individuals are no longer part of our worshipping family.

Sometime in September, The Board of Discipleship hopes to have a “Welcome Back Sunday.” It allows us an opportunity to welcome back members, families and friends just to simply say: How nice it is to have you with us today, we have missed you, and you are always welcome to join us for worship and fellowship.

As we get closer to the September date begin to consider who you may wish to invite to our Welcome Back Sunday. Invite them and then let the Holy Spirit work on their mind and heart.

Vicar Stacy

P.S. A special thank you to all the members I have reached out to for input for answers to my class assignments this past month. I do appreciate the assistance. You may not realize it but my growth and development towards becoming ordained depends on your prayers, help and guidance. Vicar John Stacy

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!

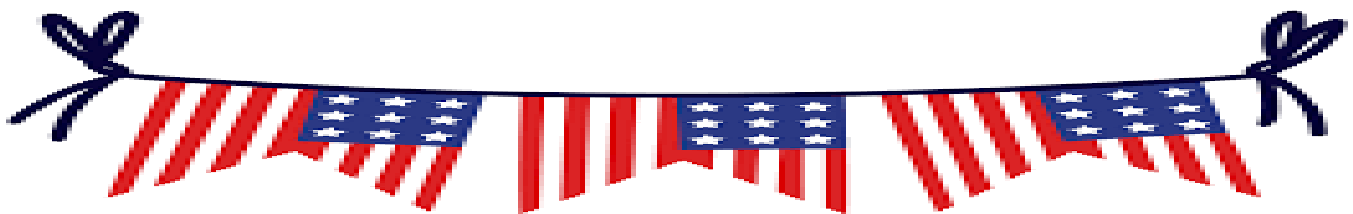
Season	Date	Festival	First Reading	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
PENTECOST	July 7 (Prop. 9)	Seventh S. a. Pentecost	Ezek. 2:1–5	Psalm 123	2 Cor. 12:1–10	Mark 6:1–13
	July 14 (Prop. 10)	Eighth S. a. Pentecost	Amos 7:7–15	Psalm 85: (1–7) 8–13	Eph. 1:3–14	Mark 6:14–29
	July 21 (Prop. 11)	Ninth S. a. Pentecost	Jer. 23:1–6	Psalm 23	Eph. 2:11–22	Mark 6:30–44
	July 28 (Prop. 12)	Tenth S. a. Pentecost	Gen. 9:8–17	Psalm 136:1–9	Eph. 3:14–21	Mark 6:45–56

Month of **July**

Kay Elmquist

Dorothy Wessling

Janeal Holmes Head Altar Guild 712-899-8095



God's Little House

God's Little has been a community-sponsored residence. We are revitalizing the steering committee that works behind the scenes to make this a welcoming place for people who need a safe place to stay on a temporary basis. We will meet about once a quarter and Lin Scott will serve as a representative from St. Matthew.

CHURCH IN THE PARK



Vicar John

A Wonderful message and music was given praising God.



Ryan Paulsen



Pastor Peitsch



A free will offering meal was served with the help of many volunteers.



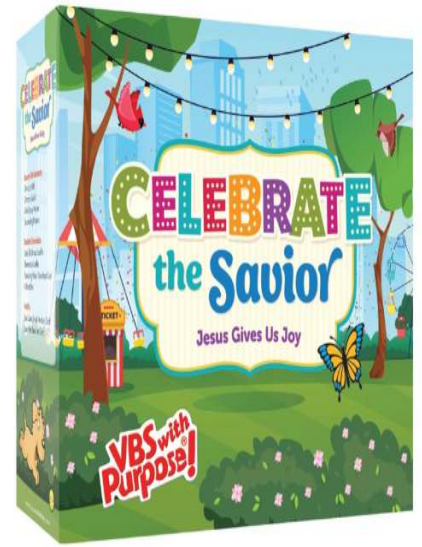
Fun and fellowship were enjoyed by many.



Thanking God for a blessed day.

VBS 2024

Our theme this year for VBS at St. Matthew Lutheran Church is "Celebrate The Savior"! It will be July 23, 24, 25th from 5-7 pm. Ages invited are 3-13. We will be spending the 3 days Celebrating the Savior. We will be learning about Jesus, doing crafts, singing and praising Jesus, and having a light supper each day. Please join us for a fun time Celebrating The Savior!! Your help or donations would be appreciated. **Please** if there is anyone that would like to help please contact Marla Hogan at (712)-420-5621



WORD OF GOD TO US

1 Peter 3:8 To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit.



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 Answer found on page 11

MOM'S CREAM PUFFS

1 C. boiling water
1/2 C. butter
1 C. sifted flour

Recipe submitted by Karen Krusen

1. Melt butter in water.
2. Add flour all at once and stir vigorously; cook, stirring constantly until mixture forms balls that do not separate.
3. Remove from heat and cool slightly.
4. Add eggs, one at a time, beating vigorously after each addition until mixture is smooth.
5. Drop from tablespoon 2 1/2 inches apart onto greased baking sheet.
6. Bake in hot oven (450 degrees) 15 minutes; then in moderate oven (325 degrees) 25 minutes.
7. Remove with spatula and cool on rack.
8. When thoroughly cool, cut side of each puff and then can be filled with a favorite filling.



MISSIONARIES COMING TO MISSION CENTRAL IN JULY/AUGUST



Barb Rebentisch
Taiwan
Saturday, August 3, 2024
1 PM



Tom Park
Taiwan
Saturday, August 3, 2024
1:30 PM

Rev. Charles St. Onge and Family
Montreal, Canada
Saturday, August 17, 2024
1 PM

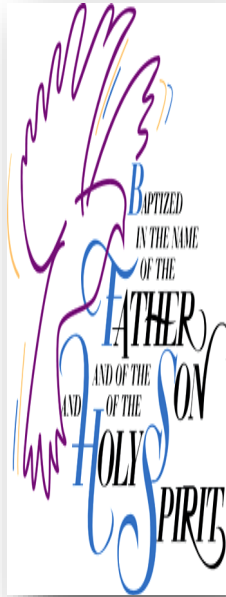


Stewardship Board

We are working on a NEW Mission Project for 2024-2025 We are starting a mission project to raise a goal of \$500.00. We are getting a slow start for our project that will end in September of this year with our mission Festival on Sept 29th. We are asking for suggestions from the congregation for supporting a missionary/mission. Our mission month will be on our screens and on our calendar. It is our hope and prayer that this will continue every year, and hopefully we can raise our goal each year. They will be able to use their mission envelopes out of their envelope box. The projected months will be Jan-Mar-Apr-Jul-Sep. then will be added up and used on our mission festival Sunday. The congregation will be kept up to date on our goal and how far we are throughout the year.

July Birthdays

NAME		Birthday
Tasha	Bridgeman	1987-07-04
Autumn	Brodersen	2006-07-27
Monica	Brodersen	1977-07-22
Carol	Burton	1948-07-04
Jackie	Cardwell	1996-07-16
Jeffrey	Creswell	1960-07-18
Kristi	Dale	1961-07-21
Toni	Elmquist	1960-07-20
Kevin	Forbes	1962-07-17
Bryan	Fritz	1968-07-18
Sarah	Goslar	1983-07-20
Christopher	Gray	2011-07-26
Marilyn	Hamann	1945-07-14
Roger	Hinrickson	1950-07-16
Marla	Hogan	1960-07-18
Jacy	Jochims	1991-07-27
Nazaria	Kaderabek	1963-07-02
JILL	Madson	1987-07-21
Donna	Mau	1945-07-21
Allen	Melby	1967-07-20
Stacy	Pithan	1983-07-26
Charlie	Riesberg	2013-07-16
Nicholas	Riesberg	1981-07-31
Ron	Rotnicke	1960-07-02
Bert	Schauer	1956-07-25
Caden	Scheer	2009-07-28
Kolby	Scott	2004-07-09
Shirley	Stoll	1950-07-15
Natalie	Streck	2010-07-26
Karla	Uhl	1962-07-23
Benjamin	Weber	1995-07-06
Andy	Wray	1988-07-30



July Baptisms

Herman	Arndt	1960-07-04
Nathan	Brodersen	1981-07-19
Brenda	Brown	1963-07-14
Lenora	Broyhill	1974-07-14
Tanner	Broyhill	1998-07-07
Jared	Bruhn	1986-07-13
Barbara	Bumsted	1955-07-14
Carol	Burton	1948-07-25
Gary	Dose	1956-07-01
Toni	Elmquist	1960-07-21
Kevin	Forbes	1963-07-21
Zachery	Goslar	1993-07-17
Katelynn	Hamann	2000-07-23
Kerensa	Hamann	2014-07-05
Brittany	Hesse	1992-07-02
Cari Jon	Hinrickson	1975-07-13
Peg	Jacobson	1956-07-01
Nazaria	Kaderabek	2019-07-07
Sandra	Kruse	1961-07-02
Karen	Kueny	1948-07-11
Liam	Lamb	2005-07-10
Durene	Marsh	1960-07-21
Freda	Means	1927-07-03
MaKenna	Meseck	2006-07-16
Randi	Meseck	1948-07-22
Daniel	Miller	1958-07-18
Sharon	Pope	1940-07-21
James	Rickert	1959-07-05
Ron	Rotnicke	1960-07-17
Scout	Rotnicke	1998-07-19
Bert	Schauer	1957-07-11
Brian	Scott	1980-07-13
Mavis	Skow	1953-07-28
Natalie	Streck	2016-07-31
Dorothy	Wessling	1942-07-26

July 80+ Birthday

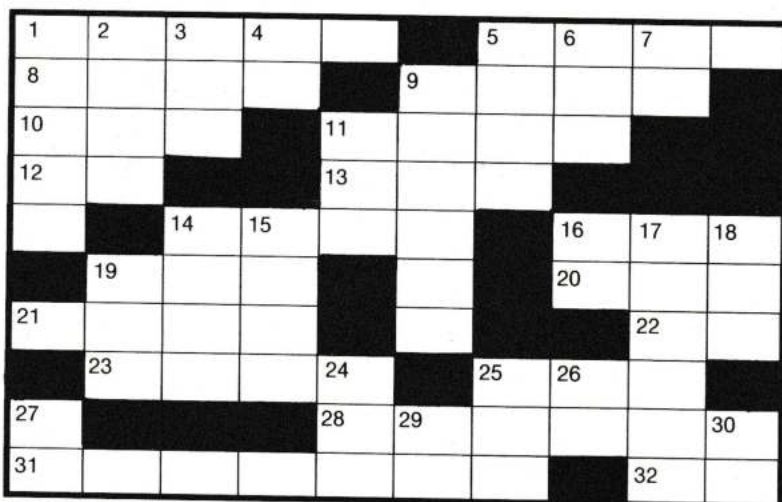


Duane	Hamann	80	1944-07-08
Kay	Ingram	85	1939-07-12
Dennis	Namanny	80	1944-07-24

July Anniversary

Nathan & Betsy Brodersen	20 yrs.	2003-07-19
Calvin & Jessica Bruhn	18yrs.	2006-07-22
Darren & Sarah Goslar	21 yrs.	2004-07-24
Mark & Mary Greiner	48 yrs.,	1976-07-03
Kay & Roger Ingram	67yrs.	1957-07-12
Craig & Abby Riesberg	13 yrs.,	2011-07-16
Ernest & Dora Witzel	68yrs.	1956-07-01

BIBLE ZOO



Down

1. Enemies of God have it upon their faces (Ezekiel 7:18)
2. Number of tigers in the den with Daniel (Daniel 6:16)
3. "... Our father which _____ in heaven, ..." (Luke 11:2)
4. Jonah was _____ a big fish. (Jonah 1:17)
5. What to wash with (Jeremiah 2:22)
6. God makes it cease (Psalm 46:9) (Singular)
7. Jesus rode a colt _____ Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-35)
9. No flies in the land of _____ (Exodus 8:22)
11. Night flying animal (Leviticus 11:19)
14. Burrowing animal (Leviticus 11:30)
15. Animal sold in the temple (John 2:14)
16. Abbreviation for street
17. Swift fliers (Job 9:26)
18. A long time _____
19. The _____ of animals was not eaten. (Leviticus 3:17)
24. God created _____ beast. (Genesis 1:25)
25. 3 down
26. The dove _____ harmless. (Matthew 10:16)
27. The serpent _____ wise. (Matthew 10:16)
29. Spirit descended like a dove up _____ him. (Mark 1:10)
30. Messengers were sent to _____ (II Kings 17:4)

Across

1. Slow animal (Psalm 58:8)
5. What to do with the insects in Exodus 8:21-31
8. Unicorn part (Deuteronomy 33:17)
9. Separated from the sheep (Matthew 25:32) (Singular)
10. Busy insect (Proverbs 6:6)
11. Wild pig (Psalm 80:13)
12. "... no man cometh unto the Father, but by _____." (John 14:6)
13. Snake (Romans 3:13) (Singular)
14. Cloth eater (Matthew 6:20)
16. _____ monsters are in Lamentations 4:3
19. Samson caught three hundred. (Judges 15:4) (Singular)
20. Game of chase
21. Noah took _____ and female. (Genesis 7:2)
22. Jesus said, "_____ to the devils that went into the swine. (Matthew 8:32)
23. Abram pitched a _____. (Genesis 12:8)
25. To be ill (short form of word in Judges 18:23)
28. _____ and riders were thrown into the sea. (Exodus 15:21)
31. Tempter in Eden (Genesis 3)
32. "... do ye even _____ to them: ..." (Matthew 7:12)





JULY 2024

ST MATTHEW CALENDAR

SUN: Pick up 8am Take home after service	MON	TUES: Pick up 8am Take home: 3:30 pm	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
ALTAR GUILD Kay Elmquist Dorothy Wessling Jul. 7-28 Pentecost	1	2 Rev. N. Peitsch in office 8:30 am to 3:30 pm Uber: Kris Dale pick up take home	3 Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm	4	5 Pastors Family Day	6
7 7th Sun. a Pentecost service 9 Elder: Russ Wray Reader: Russ Wray Screens: Mark Witzel Bible Cl. after services	8 Cleaning Day at church 9-11 am	9 Rev. N. Peitsch in in office 8:30 am to 3:30 pm	10 Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm	11	12 Pastors Family Day	13
14 8th Sun. a Pentecost service 9am w/HC Uber: Karla Uhl Elder: Mark Witzel Reader: Mark Witzel Screens: Dennis Muckey Bible Cl. after services	15	16 Rev. N. Peitsch in office 8:30 am to 3:30 pm Uber: Joan Chandler pick up take home In the Word 10 am Uber for the Board of Elders 7 pm (Mark Witzel)	17 Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm	18	19 Pastors Family Day	20
21 9th Sun. a Pentecost service 9am Elder: Brian Brown Reader: Brian Brown Screens: Joe Hogan Bible Cl. after services LWML bring mite boxes next Sunday	22 Board of Directors 6 pm	23 Rev. N. Peitsch not in Mapleton VBS 5pm-7pm	24 Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm VBS 5pm-7pm	25 VBS 5pm-7pm	26 Pastors Family Day	27
28 10th Sun. a Pentecost service 9am w/HC Uber: Mark Greiner Elder: Mark Greiner Reader: Karen Kueny Screens: Mark Witzel Bible Cl. after services LWML MISSION Sunday	29	30 Rev. N. Peitsch in office 8:30 am to 3:30 pm Uber: Janeal Holmes pick up take home	31 Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm			

*The prayer of a righteous man
is powerful and effective."*



If you desire a prayer for yourself or someone else, or if you'd like to join the **Prayer Warriors**, please call, **Alice Miller** at 880-2380.

Help us keep this prayer list up to date! Call the church to add or remove people.

Members of St. Matthew with Special Needs and Concerns

Nazaria Kaderabek	Selma Schrader	Myrna Gosch	Joyce Kruse	Sue Kruse
Fred Fletcher	Marlene Phillip	Deloris Boysen	Dora Witzel	

Family / Friends of Members with Special Needs and Concerns

Ron Kraffle (friend of Marla & Joe Hogan); **Beth Weber**, (cousin of Dean and Ramona Weber); **Tammy Tollfuson**, in 3rd stage heart failure (relative to Dean and Ramona Weber); **Suzie Jacapello**, (sister of Nazaria Kaderabek); **Tim Sanderson** (friend of Dennis Muckey); **Hiedi Zimmer**; P.O. Box 272 Early, IA 50535 (Joan Chander's daughter); **Sandy Donovan**, (Nazaria Kaderabek's mother.) **Jerri Haindfield** (daughter of Marilyn & Duane Hamann); **Annie Greiner** (sister-in-law of Mark Greiner) **Paul Lind**, (nephew of Joyce Kruse) **Kristin Webb** (friend of Sarah Schmidt)

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)

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

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In His Footsteps: Kind-
ness is a virtue given by the
Lord, and joy is its reward.
He will show you the way
and you will be safe and se-
cure. Show Kindness to oth-
ers.

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](http://www.campokoboji.org)
[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, I am Your creation, and You created me for a reason. Give me the wisdom to fol-
low Your direction for my life's journey. Let me do Your work here on earth by seeking Your
will and living it, knowing that when I trust in You, Father, I am eternally blessed. Amen. ✝

