



# St Matthew In Action



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter the summer months I'm sure many of you have vacations on your mind. With school out for the summer I'm sure many students are excited to take a break from learning. But are we ever done learning? The Psalmist understood the need to learn all there is for us to know about the Lord in Psalm 25 we read:

"Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long." - Ps. 25:4-5

As God's children, we are encouraged to have this same desire to be taught by the Lord. We should seek to be led in His paths.

To that end, Mary took the opportunity as soon as it presented itself. In Luke 10 we read of a time when Jesus visited the home of Mary and Martha. Martha was busy with much serving, but as I'm sure many of you remember, Mary sat at Jesus' feet to listen to His teaching. She knew what she needed. She needed to learn all that the Lord had to teach.

God calls us to hear His word, to learn from Him. And to pass on what we have learned. St Paul urges Timothy to do just this in his second letter to him. He writes: "You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus. and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also." 2 Tim. 2:1-2

What we have heard we are to pass on. And what better way for us to pass this on than to do so ourselves. We have all sorts of opportunities to do this. We can volunteer for Vacation Bible School you don't have to be a teacher to pass on what you have learned. We can pass on the love God has shown us with a caring word, a friendly smile, a warm welcome to those coming to visit our church, or through acts of service like helping serve a snack or lead a craft. VBS isn't the only place we can follow St Paul's words though, our Sunday School program is always looking for more volunteers who are willing to pass on the good news of God's saving truth, and these are just two of the ways we can pass on what we have learned.

Jesus had a few things to say about the little children who come to these sorts of things. In Matthew 19 we read: "but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."" - Matt 19:14

Children may be done learning in schools for the summer but as God's children, none of us are done learning about our Savior. God always has more to teach us about his great love for us.

So come and be a part of it. Come and learn with us. Hear what God has to say in His Word as we worship together in church every Sunday. Join us for Bible Study every Sunday after church or on the 3rd Tuesday at 10:00. There's always more to learn. So though some are taking a break from learning, don't stop learning what God has to teach. Hear His love spoken in every word of the Bible that together we may pass on what we have learned, whether that be to children, neighbors, or friends.

In Christ,

Pastor Nathan Peitsch



#### FROM THE VICAR:

I enjoy keeping you up to date as best I can as to what is happening in my Specific Ministry Program classes. I do not always have the luxury of putting my thoughts in writing, so it helps immensely when I am just asked in conversation.

June 3, I began my next class. The topic is "Liturgy." For the next ten weeks my class will be looking at various aspects of liturgy, or liturgical worship.

Part of my first assignment was to ask various people the following questions

and record their answers; and, my own answers from what I have learned in class.

#### Questions/Answers

How do you define Christian worship?

Anytime you are in communication with God.

Reverence or adoration of God by groups of like minded people.

Learning about God and praying to Him.

Giving homage and Glory to God with heart, mind, and soul.

Thanking God for all He's given. Worship for forgiveness and guidance.

It's an act of praising God

Why do Christians worship?

We worship out of habit with a fellowship of believers reaffirming our baptismal vows.

It's a command of scripture. We interact with God as we grow and learn in our relationship to him.

We believe in God and give praise to Him.

We hear, speak, share and participate in prayer and sacraments.

He created and designed us to worship. It's a form of reverence for who is God

Thanking God for all He has done.

Is there such a thing as wrong worship? If so, what would be the consequences?

Continued violation of God's commands. When we come to worship and we would rather be off doing something else.

If you are not divinely inspired to worship. We must be correctly aligned with what God sees as good and correct.

Yes there is such a thing as wrong worship the consequence is Hell.

We must worship with contrite heart for God knows our hearts and will treat us accordingly.

If we worship in sin or wishing harm or bad things on another.

Lack of focus on Christ. If our faith is self abiding. Or if we worship something God is against.

Quite a variety of answers! How would you respond? I would begin by saying: Worship is first God coming to me with the means of grace: word and sacrament. The worship I then return is in thankfulness and praise for those gifts. God has initiated everything from Creation to our redemption from sin, death, and the power of the devil through the life, death, and resurrection of our savior Jesus Christ.

A quick and easy prayer before worship each Sunday: "God may you bring your gifts of grace to me."

Vicar Stacy

6-5-2024

**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
<b>Pentecost</b>	June 2 (Prop. 4)	Second S. a. Pentecost	Deut. 5:12–15	Psalm 81:1–10	2 Cor. 4:5–12	Mark 2:23–28 (3:1–6)
	June 9 (Prop. 5)	Third S. a. Pentecost	Gen. 3:8–15	Psalm 130	2 Cor. 4:13—	Mark 3:20–35
	June 16 (Prop. 6)	Fourth S. a. Pentecost	Ezek. 17:22–24	Psalm 1	5:1 2 Cor. 5:1–10 (11–17)	Mark 4:26–34
	June 23 (Prop. 7)	Fifth S. a. Pentecost	Job 38:1–11	Psalm 124	2 Cor. 6:1–13	Mark 4:35–41
	June 30 (Prop. 8)	Sixth S. a. Pentecost	Lam. 3:22–33	Psalm 30	2 Cor. 8:1–9, 13–15	Mark 5:21–43

Month of <b>June</b>	
Ramona Weber	Janeal Holmes Head Altar Guild 712-899-8095
Marilyn Hamann	



## 4th of July on June 29

**Our church will be having a bake sale and selling root beer floats in the park. Please help by working, baking, or donation. Please contact Lin Scott at 712-208-0004 or Joan Chandler at 712-882-2560.**





## **TREE REMOVAL**



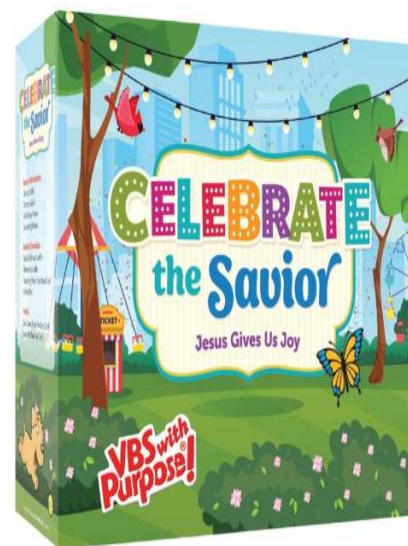
April 22, 2024 a piece of St. Matthew's history came tumbling down. The big Pin Oak tree on the west side of the church was removed due to rotting limbs falling and producing a safety hazard for our church family. Although it's always sad to see a tree come down we feel Lansink tree service did an amazing job of safely taking the tree down and cleaning up debris. Jeff Krusen managed to remove the remaining mulch between rains and Leo Erlemeier brought in some fresh solid to fill the hole. The area has been seeded down for now. Hopefully some day down the road we may consider planting a couple new trees.

## **IN THE WORD**

In the word continues to meet on the 3rd Tue. of every month at 10 am. Pastor leads the study with lots of conversation and information. Snacks are served along with a good cup of coffee. Please come and join us and see what a good time we have.

# 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



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

## BEST CHOICE COUPONS

Just a reminder that we are no longer saving them. It wasn't much of a success but than not all things turn out good. But a big thank you to all that helped.

### **Rhubarb Coffee Cake**

Recipe submitted by Janeal Holmes

Yield: Serves 12.

- Cake:
- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup shortening or butter, softened
- 1-1/2 cups brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2-1/2 cups fresh rhubarb, cut in chunks
- Topping:
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon butter, melted

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. In a medium bowl mix the flour, soda, and salt, and set aside. In a large mixing bowl, cream together the shortening or butter and the brown sugar, and beat until fluffy. Beat in the egg. Beat in the flour and sour cream alternately until blended. Mix in the vanilla extract and the rhubarb, and spread the batter in a greased and floured 9x13-inch baking pan.

Combine the sugar, nuts, cinnamon, and melted butter; sprinkle over the top. Bake 40 to 50 minutes.



# MISSIONARIES COMING TO MISSION CENTRAL IN JULY



**Matt and DeeDee Wasmund**  
Seoul, Korea  
Tuesday, July 2, 2024  
1 PM

**Rev. Quintin Cundiff and Family**  
Riga, Latvia  
Saturday, July 6, 2024  
1 PM



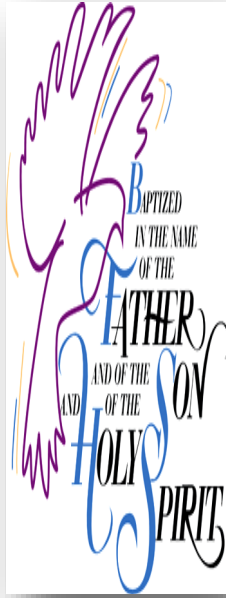
**Rev. David Preus and Family**  
Europe / Central Asia  
Tuesday, July 9, 2024  
1 PM



**Andrew and Noel Schaff**  
Taiwan  
Tuesday, July 23, 2024  
1 PM

## June Birthdays

NAME		Birthday
Byron	Bruhn	1967-06-11
Hudson	Bruhn	2011-06-20
Kaye	Flanigan	1990-06-28
Michael	Jacoby	1995-06-19
Sandra	Kruse	1961-06-10
Frank	Negless	1987-06-10
Nathan	Brodersen	1981-06-26
Lenora	Broyhill	1974-06-05
Jared	Bruhn	1986-06-23
Brenda	Davis	1971-06-08
Brock	Goslar	1975-06-22
Zachery	Goslar	1993-06-16
Liam	Lamb	2005-06-20
MaKenna	Meseck	2006-06-20
Jeannette	Riesberg	1957-06-30
Harold	Riesberg	1985-06-29
Austin	Schauer	1987-06-11
Brian	Scott	1980-06-12
Chelsea	Bernard	1987-06-21
Julie	Bollog	1958-06-18
Brenda	Brown	1963-06-26
Dean	Fritz	1962-06-07
Susan	Krueger	1948-06-28
Karen	Kueny	1948-06-08
Durene	Marsh	1960-06-07
Randi	Meseck	1948-06-20
James	Rickert	1959-06-15
Diana	Schauer	1964-06-27



## June Baptisms

Byron	Bruhn	1967-06-25
Evan	Bruhn	1969-06-22
Lexi	Frehse	2010-06-19
Lisa	Rotnicke	1968-06-20
Sarah	Schmidt	1981-06-14
Kiana	Zawodny	2011-06-26
Emily	Boggs	1992-06-07
Brock	Goslar	1975-06-29
Jennifer	Goslar	1975-06-10
Misty	Hinrickson	1973-06-03
Rhonda	Kruger	1974-06-05
Joe	Krusen	1983-06-12
Tyler	Ohlmeier	2004-06-06
Weston	Scheer	2015-06-28
Zakary	Scott	2001-06-24
Mark	Witzel	Jun, 1959
Brent	Kuehl	1974-06-23
Bruce	Burton	1947-06-02
Mark	Greiner	1954-06-14
Kay	Johnson	1941-06-08
Lynette	Larson	1967-06-29
Shawn	Ohlmeier	1983-06-26
Kathryn	Schiltz	1967-06-18



## June Anniversaries

Robert and Wanda Andre	<b>56 yrs.</b>	1968-06-23
Bruce and Carol Burton	<b>54 yrs.</b>	1970-06-20
Doc and Kay Johnson	<b>62 yrs.</b>	1962-06-23
David and Ann Schmidt	<b>50 yrs.</b>	1974-06-22
Kurt and Sarah Schmidt	23 yrs.	2001-06-23
Brent and Laurie Streck	27 yrs.	1997-06-28
Russell and Roxie Wray	40 yrs.	1984-06-09

## June 80+ Birthdays

Gayle	Gibson	81	1942-06-09
Roger	Ingram	88	1935-06-12
Sharon	Pope	83	1940-06-16
Dorothy	Wessling	81	1942-06-29
Ernest	Witzel	87	1936-06-18



# JUNE 2024

## ST MATTHEW CALENDAR

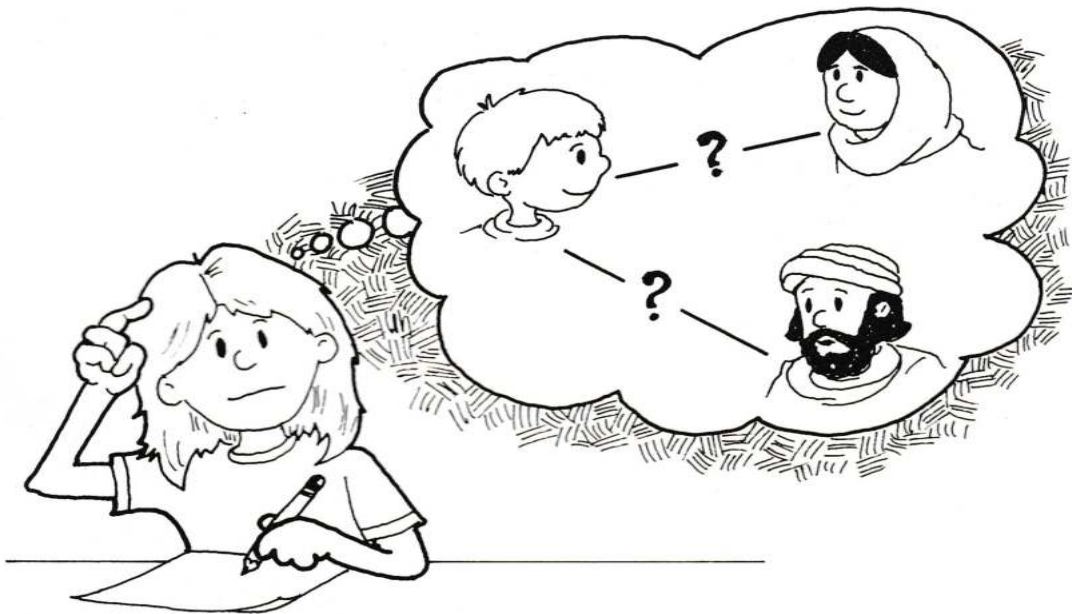


SUN: Pick up 8am Take home after service	MON	TUES: Pick up 8am Take home: 3:30 pm	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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<b>2 2nd</b> Sun. a Pentecost service 9am Elder: Alan Dale Reader: Sarah Schmidt Screens: Mark Witzel Bible Cl. after services	<b>3</b>  <b>10</b> Cleaning Day at church 9-11 am	<b>4</b> Rev. N. Peitsch in office 8:30 am to 3:30 pm <u>Uber: Rita Lafrentz</u>	<b>5</b> Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Pastors Family Day	<b>8.</b>
<b>9 3rd</b> Services in the park Uber: Karen Kueny Elder: Reader: Screens: Bible Cl. after services		<b>11</b> Rev. N. Peitsch in office 12N to 3:30 pm Win-kle Conference	<b>12</b> Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Pastors Family Day	<b>15</b>
<b>16 4th</b> Sun. a Pentecost service 9am Elder: Ryan Paulsen Reader: Ryan Paulsen Screens: Joe Hogan Bible Cl. after services LWML bring mite boxes next Sunday	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Rev. N. Peitsch in office 12N to 3:30 pm Win-kle Conference  <u>In the Word 10 am</u> Board of Elders 7 pm Uber: Mark Witzel	<b>19</b> Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Pastors Family Day	<b>22</b>
<b>23 5th</b> Sun. a Pentecost service 9am w/HC Uber: Mark Greiner Elder: Mark Witzel Reader: Mark Witzel Screens: Dennis Muckey Bible Cl. after services <b>LWML MISSION Sunday</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Rev. N. Peitsch in office 8:30 am to 3:30 pm Uber: Janeal Holmes Board of Directors 6 pm Uber: Mark Witzel	<b>26</b> Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Pastors Family Day	<b>29</b>
<b>30 6th</b> Sun. a Pentecost service 9am Elder: Alan Dale Reader: Karen Kueny Screens: Mark Witzel Bible Cl. after services	<b>31</b>	<b>ALTAR GUILD</b> Ramona Weber Marilyn Hamann Janeal Holmes Jun. 2-30 Pentecost				

# MOM OR DAD

Below is a list of Bible characters. Beside each character is the name of one of their parents. In the blank after each parent's name, write "M" if the parent is the character's mom and "D" if the parent is his dad.

Bible Character	Parent's Name	M or D?
1. Manasseh	Hephzibah (II Kings 21:1)	
2. Amon	Meshullemeth (II Kings 21:19)	
3. Josiah	Jedidah (II Kings 22:1)	
4. Moses	Jochebed (Numbers 26:59)	
5. Joash	Ahaziah (II Kings 11:1-2)	
6. Hosea	Beerli (Hosea 1:1)	
7. Zephaniah	Cushi (Zephaniah 1:1)	
8. Samson	Manoah (Judges 13:2-24)	
9. Jezreel	Gomer (Hosea 1:3-4)	
10. Abram (Abraham)	Terah (Genesis 11:31)	
11. Jabal	Adah (Genesis 4:19-20)	
12. Midian	Keturah (Genesis 25:1-2)	
13. Dan	Bilhah (Genesis 35:25)	
14. Saul	Kish (I Samuel 9:1-2)	



Who was the first Christian martyr? Acts 6:7-8 Answer on page 11

*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](http://www.missioncentral.us) **Lutheran**  
**Family Service:** [www.lfsiowa.org](http://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](http://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](http://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 know that You have a purpose for my life, and I will seek that purpose today and  
every day that I live. Let my actions be pleasing to You, and let me share Your Good News  
with a world that so desperately needs Your healing hand and the salvation of Your Son.

Amen. ✝

