



St Matthew In Action



For this new morning
with its light,
For rest and shelter
of the night,
For health and food,
for love and friends,
For everything
Thy goodness sends,
We thank Thee,
dear Lord.

MAY 2024

ACTIVE
CHRISTIANS
TOGETHER
IN
OUTREACH
&
NURTURE

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Confirmation time has come around again. Our confirmands have prepared, studied, learned, and memorized, so that they can be ready for this time. They have immersed themselves in God's Word and in our Lutheran understanding of that Word. They are prepared to confess these things before the church. They are ready to confirm that they believe the things confessed over them in their baptism. And they are eagerly looking forward to partaking of the Sacrament of the Altar.

We put so much time and effort into instructing these young adults in the basics of our faith, summarizing what we believe for them so that they can understand it. They put time, and sometimes even tears, into memorizing God's Word, along with selections of Luther's Small Catechism. They read and study the material. They faithfully spend time in class taking notes and diligently learning these things. All so that they can be confirmed and become communicant members of our church.

Each year we end our classes with the reminder, "it doesn't end here!" Our learning, our studying, our growing, our faith, does not stop at confirmation. Imagine if we were as diligent in our study of the Word of God as these confirmands have been over the last several years. Imagine knowing God's Word that thoroughly.

This is our calling as Christians. We are called to continue to grow, to learn, and to study. We shouldn't stop memorizing. We don't stop learning. We don't stop growing. The psalmist knows this, he wrote of the value of knowing the Word.

"I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you." - Ps. 119:11
We store up the Word of God in our hearts. In the Service of Prayer and Preaching, we often pray the "Collect for the Word", where we pray regarding the Scriptures, "Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart...". We are asking God to help us to learn and study His Word. To know it thoroughly, in much the same way that our confirmands are to come to know the catechetical material.

Knowing the Word of God is essential to our lives as disciples of Christ. Without that Word, we would know nothing of the love God has shown us in sending His only Son. Without that Word, we would not know of the salvation that has been won for us through the innocent suffering and death of Christ.

The writer of Hebrews acknowledged the power of the Word of God. He writes: "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart." - Heb. 4:12

The Word of God has power. It is this Word that we are called to share as we spread the good news of Christ. This Word we are called to live out. It is this Word that we have been given in our baptism and have been hearing in church ever since.

God has given us His Word, as St Paul reminds us:

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." - 2 Tim. 3:16-17

God's Word equips us, teaches us, and shows us the way of salvation. So immerse yourself in that Word: read, mark, learn, and take it to heart. In order that you may be equipped for every good work. May this time of confirmation be a reminder to us all of how much we have to gain from spending time in God's Word, both in church and in our personal devotions.

In Christ, Pastor Nathan Peitsch

White is the color of purity and completeness. The theme for the “great fifty days” of Easter is supported by the use of white. This color, used primarily during these Sundays, assists in bearing the message that “though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow.” Christ's triumph from the grave on Resurrection day is the cause for our rejoicing. His purity before his Father becomes our purity. White reinforces that message of joy.

In addition to its use during Eastertide, white is the appointed color for such festive Sundays as Christmas and its twelve days; Epiphany (Jan. 6) and the first Sunday following it, observed as the Baptism of Our Lord; the Last Sunday after the Epiphany, also known as Transfiguration Sunday; Holy Trinity Sunday; and twenty-one minor festivals and occasions listed on the church year calendar in *Lutheran Service Book*. In all, white serves as the best festive color for the church year.

Color's Purpose

However, color and its bright message can easily be taken for granted or mistaken in its purpose. The paraments, vestments, altar clothes, banners, traditionally employed each Sunday, must be seen as more than an attempt to decorate, or give accent to the chancel. That is, no doubt, the view of some. It's true; interior design and decoration are important. But a greater service is demanded of our liturgical colors than merely making the surroundings “pretty.”

Furthermore, when altar paraments are used year after year without much attention given to their message, as well as their care, the pastor, along with his faithful altar guild would do well to throw away the key to the sacristy and refrain from using those altar cloth “decorations.”

Frequent instruction about the church year and its corresponding colors must go hand in hand with its weekly use.

Red completes the acronym, “Bg-Bgs-Pwr.” Red is a power color and is appropriate for use on Pentecost Sunday. On this day we remember the power and fire of “the Lord and Giver of Life,” who revealed himself as the promised one. The color red communicates the motif of strength-strength and power the Holy Spirit gives in order for God's people to call on the name of Jesus Christ and share that powerful name with others.

There is no question that red is a compelling festive color. Consequently, it serves well as the traditional color for the heroic martyrs of the church. The *Lutheran Service Book* church year calendar provides propers for sixteen martyr festivals and recommends red as the appropriate color. Their red blood shed in defense of the Gospel offers perpetual encouragement for God's people to be resolute in living the faith.

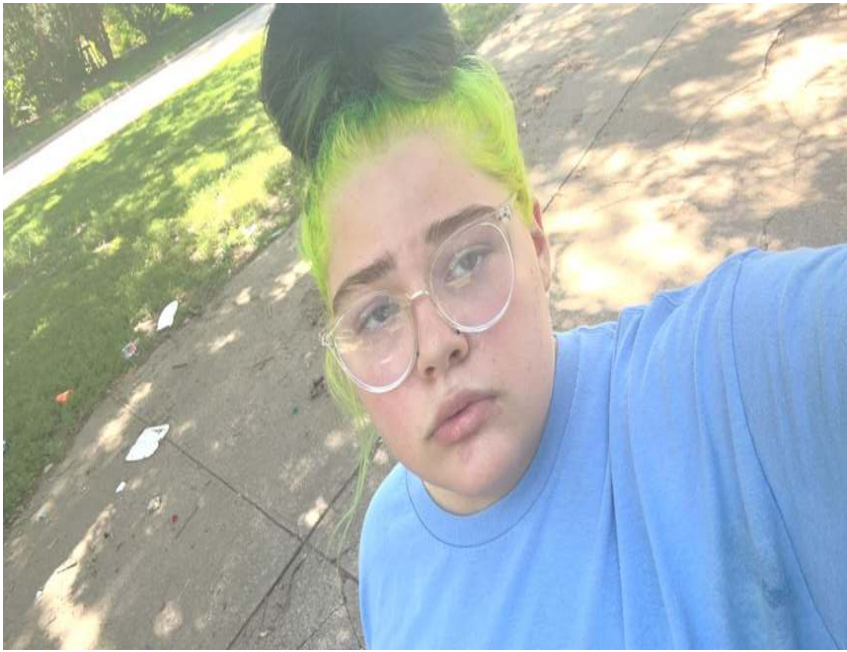


Season	Date	Festival	First Reading	Psalms	Epistle	Gospel
Ascension	May 9	The Ascension of Our Lord	Acts 1:1–11	Psalms 47	Eph. 1:15–23	Luke 24:44–53
Easter	May 12	Seventh S. of Easter	Acts 1:12–26	Psalms 1	1 John 5:9–15	John 17:11b–19
PENTECOST	May 19	The Day of Pentecost	Ezek. 37:1–14	Psalms 139:1–12 (13–16)	Acts 2:1–21	John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15
TRINITY	May 26	The Holy Trinity	Is. 6:1–8	Psalms 29	Acts 2:14a, 22–36	John 3:1–17

Month of May

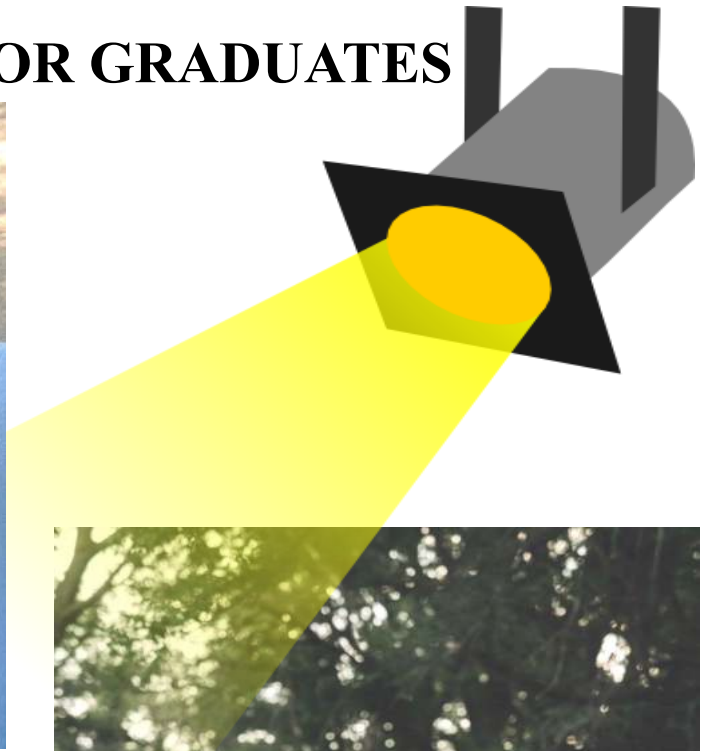
Altar Guild Kay Johnson 881-2247	Janeal Holmes Head Altar Guild 712-899-8095
Altar Guild Rita LaFrentz 881-2078/840-9703	
Altar Guild Inez Voss 712-882-9034	

ST. MATTHEW SENIOR GRADUATES



Autumn Michelle Brodersen

Future plans: To become a tattoo artist.
Favorite church memory: Going to the Junior Youth Gathering in Des Moines.



Kaylee Grace Lynn Goslar

Future Plans: Attending UNI in the fall for pre-sonography
Favorite church memory: Going to Cub Weeks (church camp) at Camp Okobojo with Paige. Lots of fun memories!

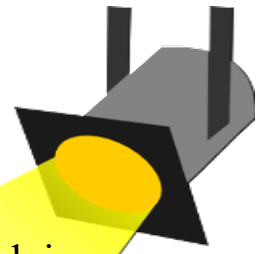


Paige Marie Schmidt

Future Plans: Attending South Dakota State University (SDSU) to major in instrumental music education.

Favorite church memories: Attending the youth event out at Bubke's farm where we went on a hayrack ride.

Property



Good Job Done!

The month of March was a busy month for Property Board. We have been doing some serious deep cleaning at St. Matthews. Let's just say 20 yrs. worth of unused STUFF was gone through, sorted, and disposed of. Lower-level Ed Wing was thoroughly cleaned. Bathrooms were scrubbed and the entire basement was vacuumed. Every closet, storeroom and storage area within St. Matthews has now been gone through and cleaned and finally on Saturday April 6th we had the opportunity to dispose of all the accumulated, unused stuff that no longer had a purpose. On behalf of the Property Board we would personally like to thank the helpers that showed up on Saturday April 6th to help carry out and transport this stuff to the community provided trash containers associated with Community Wide Cleanup Day.



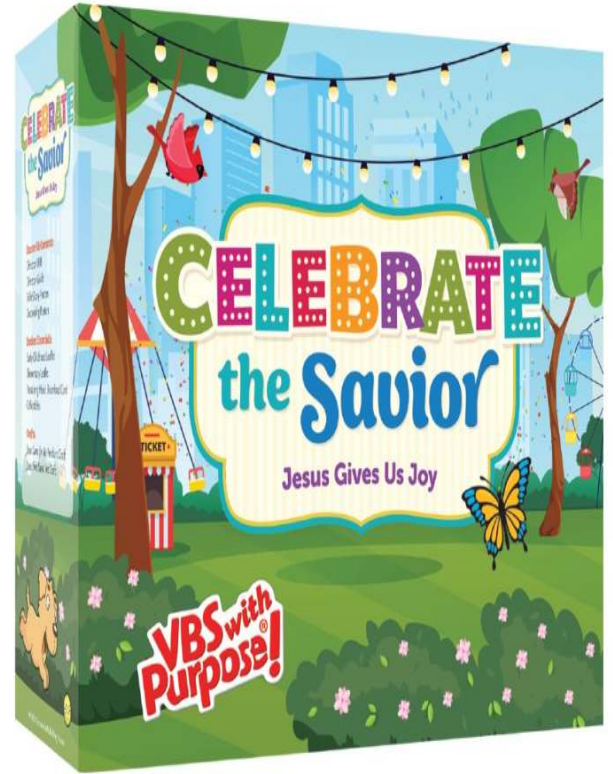
Pictured are Zak Scott, Jake Scott and Kolby Scott. Thank you guys!



Psalm 2:11 Serve the Lord with fear: And rejoice with trembling

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 or Dawn Paulsen (712)-880-2941.



Shelter house reserved for 06/09/24 with rain date of 06-23-24 for Sunday Service in the Park.

SERVICE at 4:30 pm

IN THE PARK

MENU

BRATS
HOT DOGS
BURGERS

ACTIVITIES

kids games maybe balloons
like bean bag toss sack races

Ryan Paulsen doing music



Flyers to go out the Month prior to all local businesses and churches.

NOTICE!

THERE WILL BE NO MORNING SERVICE THAT SUNDAY

SPECIAL ASCENSION SERVICE

AT MISSION CENTRAL ON MAY 9, 2024
MEAL AT 5 PM – WORSHIP AT 6:30 PM

Rev. Chris Tiews will share the exciting work that our Lord is doing in the mission fields of Germany.



RHUBARB DESSERT

*Evelyn Knuth
Ann Ritter*

Graham Cracker Crust:

1½ c. crushed graham crackers
⅓ c. melted butter or margarine

¼ c. sugar

Filling:

1 c. sugar
3 T. cornstarch
4 c. rhubarb

½ c. water
Red coloring

Topping:

1 pkg. instant vanilla pudding
1½ c. miniature marshmallows

½ c. Cool Whip



Crust: Combine graham crackers, sugar and butter. Press into 9 x 13-inch pan. Refrigerate. **Filling:** Combine sugar, cornstarch, rhubarb and water. Cook until thickened and tender. Add couple drops of coloring. Cool then pour over crust. **Topping:** Prepare instant pudding mix with milk; add marshmallows then Cool Whip. Pour over rhubarb. Sprinkle few graham crackers on top. Refrigerate.

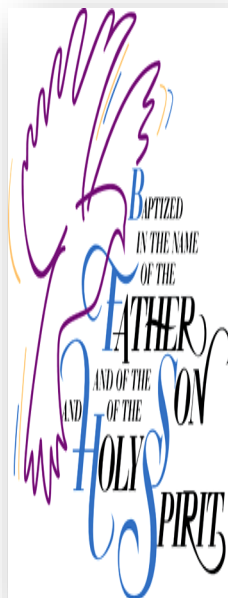


Q: What are the five Hallelujah chapters of Psalms? Hint they begin and end with Praise ye the Lord

A: found on page 11

May Birthdays

Evan	Bruhn	1969-05-15
Adam	Chandler	1978-05-25
Gary	Dose	1956-05-27
Lisa	Rotnicke	1968-05-20
Sarah	Schmidt	1981-05-02
Ethan	Streck	2002-05-09
Cari Jon	Hinrickson	1975-05-04
Rhonda	Kruger	1974-05-15
Joe	Krusen	1983-05-09
Kevin	Kuehl	1971-05-01
Tyler	Ohlmeier	2004-05-11
Chelsey	Paulsen	2007-05-13
Schalee	Schrader	2014-05-05
Mark	Witzel	1959-05-04
Shawn	Wood	1971-05-05
Brett	Davis	1978-05-15
Bruce	Burton	1947-05-22
Susan	Creswell	1962-05-13
Patricia	Gill	1955-05-22
Mark	Greiner	1954-05-14
Peg	Jacobson	1956-05-25
JoHannah	Mckibben	2000-05-25
Shawn	Ohlmeier	1982-05-06
Dawn	Paulsen	1968-05-16
Betsy	Scheer	1989-05-11
Michael	Wood	1950-05-30
Russell	Wray	1957-05-13



May Baptisms

Jersey	Divis	2006-05-14
Sue	Flanigan	1961-05-01
Lester	Goslar	1948-05-09
Madisyn Olena Lynn	Goslar	2022-05-05
Jodi	Scott	1971-05-09
Jolene	Uhl	1959-05-10
Kathy	Wunschel	1958-05-18
Michael	Creswell	1989-05-21
Daniel	Greiner	1991-05-01
Kyle	Krueger	1983-05-01
Kevin	Kuehl	1971-05-30
Kandis	Muhs	1986-05-25
Taya	Ohlmeier	2009-05-03
Caleb	Rickert	2009-05-16
Christopher	Creswell	1989-05-21
Darren	Goslar	1983-05-27
Chelsea	Bernard	1994-05-08
Delores	Boysen	1939-05-07
Tosha	Bridgeman	1994-05-22
Brian	Brown	1962-05-06
Alan	Dale	1995-05-13
Darlene	Dose	1934-05-20
Julie	Joy	1980-05-04
Zola	Kafton	1943-05-16
Jessica	Krohn	1993-05-09
Sharon	Melby	1964-05-10
Carol	Pritchard	1958-05-11
Michael	Smith	1989-05-21
Inez	Voss	1951-05-18



May 80+ Birthdays

Doc Johnson	89	1934-05-30
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May Anniversaries

David and Belinda Bartels	54 years	1970-05-15
Larry and Shelly Boyle	40 years	1984-05-26
Jeffrey and Susan Creswell	36 years	1988-05-17
Joseph and Marla Hogan	20 years	2004-05-14
Mark and Deb Jensen	31 years	1993-05-15
Wayne and Zola Kafton	61 years	1963-05-05
Kenneth and Susan Krueger	51 years	1973-05-11
Dennis and Karla Uhl	40 years	1984-05-12

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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
			1 Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm	2	3 Pastors Family Day	4
5 6th Sun of Easter services 9am Elder: Mark Witzel Reader: Mark Witzel Screens: Joe Hogan Sun. Sch & Bible Cl. after services Confirmation at Ute	6	7 Rev. Nathan Peitsch in office 8:30am-3:30pm Uber: Karen Kueny	8 Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm	9 Ascension of Our Lord	10 Pastors Family Day	11
12 7th Sun of Easter services 9am w/HC Uber: Bryan Brown Elder: Joe Hogan Reader: Joe Hogan Screens: Dennis Muckey Sun. Sch & Bible Cl. after services	13	14 Rev. N. Peitsch in office 12N to 3:30 pm Winkle Conference Uber: Ramona Weber	15 Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm	16	17 Pastors Family Day	18
19 The Day of Pentecost services 9am Elder: Alan Dale Reader: Karen Kueny Screens: Joe Hogan Sun. Sch & Bible Cl. after services LWML bring mite boxes next Sunday	20	21 Rev. Nathan Peitsch in office 8:30am-3:30pm Uber: Joan Chandler In the Word 10 am Uber for the Board of Elders 7 pm Mark Witzel	22 Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm	23	24 Pastors Family Day	25
26 The Holy Trinity services 9am w/HC Uber: Mark Greiner Elder: Ryan Paulsen Reader: Ryan Paulsen Screens: Dennis Muckey Sun. Sch & Bible Cl. after services LWML MISSION Sunday	27	28 Rev. Nathan Peitsch in office 8:30am-3:30pm Uber: Janeal Holmes Uber for the Board of Directors 7 pm Mark Witzel	29 Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm	30		



Name _____

Review

Remember Where We've Been?

We've made all 66 stops on our *Route 66* road trip—whew! See what you can remember from the last few stops on our journey!

Write the correct letters in the blanks to match each book of the Bible with its description.

Matching

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| ___ 1. what the Holy Spirit did through the Church | a. Revelation |
| ___ 2. books written by "the beloved disciple" | b. 1 & 2 Corinthians |
| ___ 3. books written by a physician (doctor) | c. Mark |
| ___ 4. Paul's letters to the churches | d. James and Jude |
| ___ 5. Paul's letters to young pastors | e. Philemon |
| ___ 6. written by the disciple who once denied Jesus | f. Romans |
| ___ 7. the gospel written by a young man with Peter's help | g. Luke, Acts |
| ___ 8. a letter to Christians living in Rome | h. Matthew |
| ___ 9. letters which include "the love chapter" | i. 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus |
| ___ 10. letter to the owner of a runaway slave | j. 1 & 2 Peter |
| ___ 11. anonymous letter to Jewish Christians | k. John, 1, 2 & 3 John, Revelation |
| ___ 12. letters written by two of Jesus' brothers | l. Hebrews |
| ___ 13. only book of prophecy in the New Testament | m. Acts |
| ___ 14. the gospel written to Jewish believers that tells about the three Wise Men at Jesus' birth | n. Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians |

Souvenir Scrapbook

1. In your *Souvenir Scrapbook*, write at least one thing that you've learned on our road trip in the last few weeks. Have you learned a lot? Make a list!
2. Which is your favorite "stop"—your favorite book of the Bible or favorite Bible story—so far? Why?

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	Ernie 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)

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: Kindness is a virtue given by the Lord, and joy is its reward. He will show you the way and you will be safe and secure. Show Kindness to others.

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 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 Lord, Your timing is seldom my timing, but Your timing is always right for me. When I am impatient, remind me that You are never early or late. You are always on time. Lord, so let me trust in You today and every day. Amen. ✝