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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Well, another school year has begun. The kids are back in school and confirmation classes are getting started once again. And I can't help but think of the old saying, "you learn something new every day." As classes begin again, I'm sure this is especially true for our students, but it tends to ring true for all of us. We learn things about our friends, our jobs, and our family. We learn things about the world.

There are all sorts of ways that we can go about learning these new things. The internet is full of places we can go to learn new skills. There are plenty of books out there to teach us about whatever topic we may be interested in. Or maybe you're one who prefers to learn by doing and so as you set to a task you begin to learn what is needed to accomplish that job.

Students are sent to school to learn. Perhaps your job requires you to take some courses to learn how to operate a new machine or how to use a piece of software. Others take time to learn things simply for the enjoyment of learning something new. Whatever the case, we spend a lot of time in our lives learning.

How much of that learning time is spent studying God's Word? John tells us there's always more we could talk about when it comes to Jesus. In John 21, we read, "Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written." John 21:25 If all the books in the world couldn't contain the works of Christ, I should think we would never stop learning about Him.

David understood this. He writes in the psalms, "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 David knew there was always more to learn. More for God to teach us, whether we are learning about God's commands and all that He righteously requires of us, or about the good news of what He has done for us. We need to learn from Him. Many of those who approached Jesus during His ministry called Him, "rabbi" a term that means "teacher". His disciples spent much of their time learning from Him. In Matthew 13 and others, we hear the disciples approach Jesus asking Him to explain to them the parables He was teaching. They knew they had much to learn from Him. We see this desire to learn from Him not just from the disciples though. In Luke 10, we read, "Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching." - Luke 10:38-39 Mary too wanted to learn all that Jesus had to teach.

And so it should be for us. We should strive to learn all that God has to teach us in His word. In the Old Testament, the people of Israel were encouraged to discuss God's Word as they walked on the road. I was taught my second year of high school that the term sophomore can essentially be translated as "wise fool". The idea being that by that time you are wise enough to know that there's a lot you don't know. If only we could all be sophomores, wise fools. Understanding that there's always more to learn.

Pastors, teachers, students, old and young alike, all have things we can learn. And so we ought always to be studying God's Word. And so God gives us different opportunities to learn from Him. He has given us His word in our own language that we might study it at home. He gives us opportunity to hear it preached and taught here at church on Sunday as we gather as His people to worship Him and receive His good gifts. And He invites us to join in this learning and teaching as we gather for Sunday School and various Bible Studies. I encourage you as the school year starts to ask yourself now, and throughout the year to come, "what have I learned from God's Word today?" Luther himself didn't think he knew all there was to learn of God's Word. So may we ever be life-long learners.

In Christ,

Pastor Nathan Peitsch

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

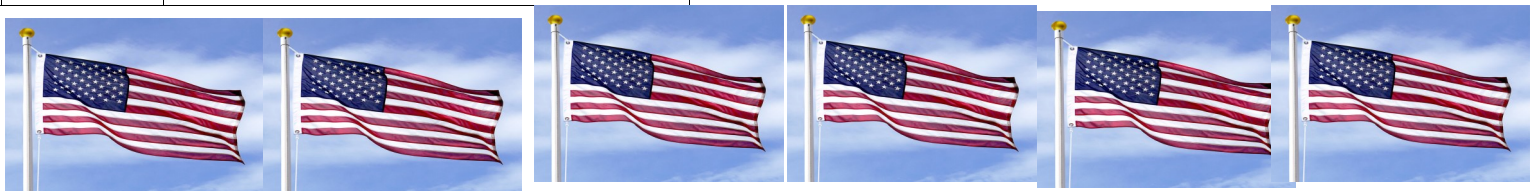
Lutheran Service Book calls for its use during the seasons of Epiphany and Pentecost. The first Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox (March 21), also known as Easter Sunday, determines the length of these two seasons. The days of Epiphany may entail a total of, but not more than, 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	Sept. 3 (Prop. 17)	Fourteenth S. a. Pentecost	Jer. 15:15–21	Psalms 26	Rom. 12:9–21	Matt. 16:21–28
	Sept. 10 (Prop. 18)	Fifteenth S. a. Pentecost	Ezek. 33:7–9	Psalms 32:1–7	Rom. 13:1–10	Matt. 18:1–20
	Sept. 17 (Prop. 19)	Sixteenth S. a. Pentecost	Gen. 50:15–21	Psalms 103:1–12	Rom. 14:1–12	Matt. 18:21–35
GREEN	Sept. 24 (Prop. 20)	Seventeenth S. a. Pentecost	Isaiah 55:6–9	Psalms 27:1–9	Phil. 1:12–14, 19–30	Matt. 20:1–16

Altar Guild for September

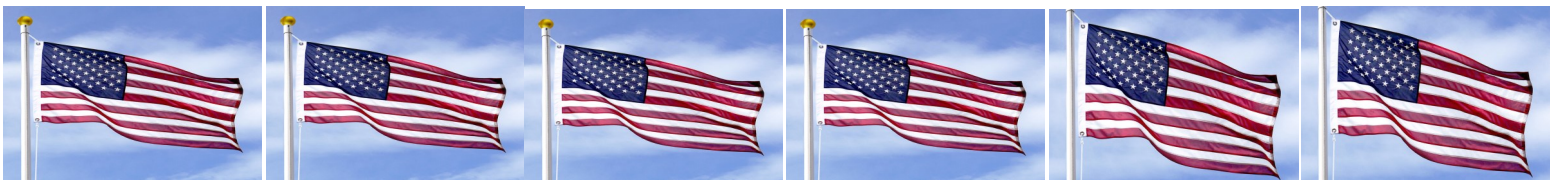
Altar Guild	Karen Krusen 712-840-9059
Altar Guild	Joan Chandler 712-880-1449
Altar Guild	Janeal Holmes 712-899-8095

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



AVENUE OF FLAGS

Our avenue of flags needs some new flags. If you have a love one there or if you just want to honor our vets, Please think of helping. Contact Grant Jager, commander of Mapleton Legion Post. He can be reached at this number. 712-470-2262.



HAPPENINGS AT MISSION CENTRAL



AMAZING INSTALLATION OF REV. STEVE SCHULZ ON AUGUST 28TH, 2023 AT MISSION CENTRAL! On August 28th, 2023 a special event was held at the Lord's Mission Central. This HISTORIC EVENT will always be remembered as a time when one of the largest gatherings of pastors occurred, when nearly 30 pastors came to help install Rev. Steve Schulz as Assistant Director of Mission Central. A huge number of people attended this event and as you can see Rev. Schulz and the pastors gathered together on this special day.



Salad Luncheon

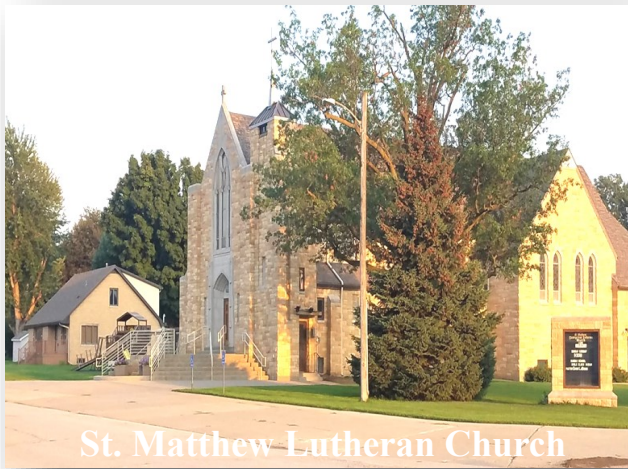


On Sat. Aug. 19th our church sponsored a Salad luncheon, serving at 4:30 pm and a program by Tina Hinkle. She told us about her collection of tea pots and the history behind each of them. There were many beautiful and different teapots to be seen. Her collection she said was in the high 500's.

We had people from five different towns, some traveling all the way from Kiron. There was 36 attending and 20 salads were served, all different. A good time was had by all.

APPLE PEELING DAY

On September 5th we will be preparing apples for apple pie. If you have an apple peeler please bring. If you have spare time please come and share some time and fellowship with all of us. Starting at 9 am. SEE YOU THERE. At the church.



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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!

MY FAVORITE RECIPE

SUBMITTED BY: Joan Chandler

1 (18.25 Oz) lemon cake mix

2 eggs

1/2 c. veg. oil

1 tsp. lemon extract

1/3 c. confectioners sugar

Preheat oven 372*

Pour cake mix in large bowl. Stir in eggs, oil, and lemon extract. Mix well.

Drop teaspoon of dough in sugar. Roll until covered. Place cookies on ungreased cookies sheet.

Bake 6-9 min

September Birthdays



Shelly Boyle	1962-09-17
Crystal Bretthauer	1956-09-06
Patrick Brodersen	1965-09-26
Pat Brodersen	1999-09-26
Alan Bruhn	1960-09-15
Calvin Bruhn	1984-09-01
Samantha Burkhart	1992-09-25
Wendy Buss	1966-09-16
Shane Davis	1973-09-19
Dale Engelke	1952-09-26
Shari Erlemeier	1962-09-25
Gloria Fletcher	1955-09-16
Kimberly Fox	1994-09-14
Kathleen Fritz	1965-09-14
Harper Goslar	2017-09-04
Jordan Goslar	1999-09-30
Sean Goslar	1993-09-03
Shawn Hamann	1971-09-23
Steven Ingram	1961-09-08
Pam Jahn	1948-09-16
Brad Jochims	1973-09-21
Cody Meseck	1979-09-11
Jacob Miller	1995-09-23
Lawrence Paulsen	2021-09-18
Matthew Petersen	1982-09-11
Justin Rickert	1985-09-04
Craig Riesberg	1987-09-14
Ariel Rotnicke	2001-09-06
Ann Schmidt	1957-09-12
Donna Shaw	1958-09-03



September Baptisms

Kirk Bridgeman	2018-09-30
Autumn Brodersen	2006-09-17
Jessica Brodersen	1984-09-02
James Brodersen	1939-09-11
Calvin Bruhn	1984-09-23
Donovan Buss	1976-09-18
Jackie Cardwell	2004-09-20
Ashlyn Davis	2014-09-28
Christina Davis	2014-09-28
Colton Davis	2014-09-28
Shelby Davis	2014-09-28
Cathy Dose	1960-09-18
Steve Dose	1956-09-30
Krista Elmquist	1965-09-19
John Fick	1932-09-18
Fred Fletcher	1988-09-07
Kimberly Fox	1994-09-25
Derek Frahm	1990-09-16
Dean Fritz	1966-09-25
Kathleen Fritz	1966-09-25
Sarah Goslar	1983-09-04
Joseph Hogan	1961-09-16
Sheldon Jacobson	1954-09-05
Deborah Jensen	1970-09-01
Richard Johnson	1934-09-09
Brandon Krusen	2004-09-20
Kody Krusen	2004-09-20
Justin Rickert	1985-09-22
Charlie Riesberg	2013-09-15
Henry Riesberg	2015-09-27
Nicholas Riesberg	1981-09-20
Caden Scheer	2009-09-13
Shirley Scoles	1943-09-25
Darrin Skow	1971-09-26
Colleen Sperry	1957-09-10
Steven Stoll	1968-09-01
Gary Thies	Sep, 1942
Alisha Weber	1985-09-29
Benjamin Weber	1995-09-10
Andy Wray	1988-09-04
Roxie Wray	1958-09-20

God's Blessings on your Wedding Anniversary



Sheldon and Peg Jacobson	48 years	1975-09-06
Ron and Lisa Rotnicke	28 years	1995-09-28
Bert and Diana Schauer	31 years	1992-09-05

80+ Birthday God's Blessings

Ruth Bruhn	90	1932-09-25
George Koithan	90	1932-09-02



Bible Reading Marathon

A historical event is taking place across Iowa that will give us an opportunity to publicly “magnify” the only inspired Word of God. In January of this year, the Iowa Prayer Caucus Network read the Bible through, aloud, from cover to cover in the rotunda of the State Capital Building in Des Moines.

It is now planned that this great endeavor will taking place again, across Iowa, in front of the courthouses of all 99 counties. Governor Reynolds signed the Iowa 99 County /bible Reading Marathon in January 2023, in her formal office at the Capital encouraging all Iowans to participate in this historic occasion.

We want to invite you, your families and friends to participate in our county’s Bible Reading Marathon on the grounds of Monona County Courthouse on Monday September 11th and Tuesday September 12th 8:30 am-4:30 pm.

The Bible will be read by multiple individual, simultaneously as assigned, until completed. Call Marilyn at 433-2373 if you have any questions.

Please make plans early to join. Bring your bible, chairs, and a bottle of water. Email submission. Want a ride call Zola Kafton 712-881-2395

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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



Q: Who was the voice of the one crying in the wilderness Luke 3:2-6 A:
Found on pg. 11



A quartet called Triumphant Sound brought their program to our church on August 13 at 5 pm. There was a good turn out of about 50 people. A music CD was on sale if you wanted to have one. They gave a very good evangelistic message with their songs. A free will offering was collected to support them.



Wayne Kafton gave an opening prayer and closing prayer. He welcomed the group into our church.



Eric Hansen, Aaron Lincoln, Richard Mack, Eric Solberg

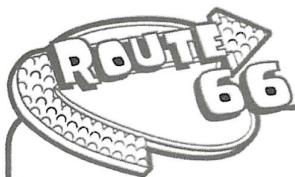
LWML IOWA DISTRICT WEST FALL RETREAT

At Mission Central Sept 23– 8:30-1:30 pm A bible study, music, and skit will be presented. With a lunch served by Staley's.

To join in pre-register before Sept.15, registration fee is \$15. A form is available at the church office. Come and join in.

CALENDAR

The calendar is not available at this time, due to service time changes. It will be posted as soon as available. Thanks for your patience.



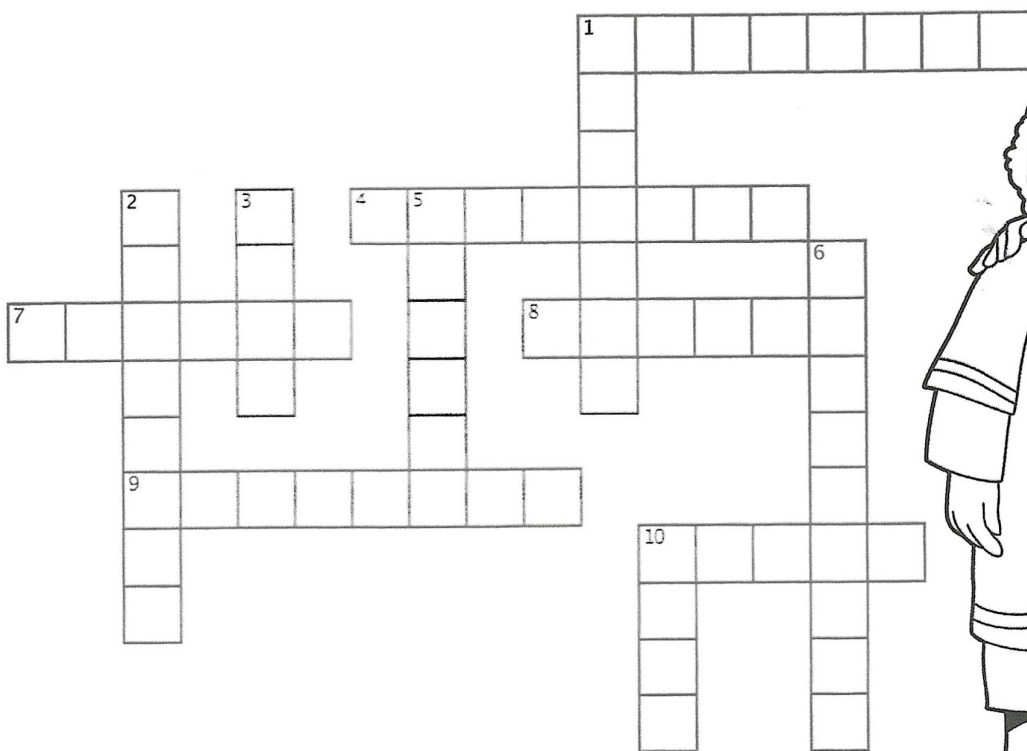
Hosea and Joel

Name _____

The prophet Hosea was called to be a living object lesson. God told Hosea to marry an unfaithful wife to show the Israelites how they had been unfaithful to Him, and how, in spite of the grief and heartache they caused Him, He would forgive them and take them back.

The prophet Joel called the people of Judah to repent and turn away from their sin or face God's judgment. He also spoke of the future—the coming of the Day of the Lord.

Look for answers in the books of Hosea and Joel to complete the puzzle below.



Across

1. The LORD ___ at the head of his army. (Joel 2:11)
4. Declare a holy fast; call a sacred ___. (Joel 1:14)
7. "I will ___ [the people of Israel] from the power of the grave." (Hosea 13:14)
8. "Even now," declares the LORD, "___ to me with all your heart." (Joel 2:12)
9. "The people of Judah and the people of Israel will be ___." (Hosea 1:11)
10. The LORD began to speak through ___. (Hosea 1:2)

Down

1. Blow the ___ in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill. (Joel 2:1)
2. "I will lead [Israel] into the desert and speak ___ to her." (Hosea 2:14)
3. The LORD dwells in ___. (Joel 3:21)
5. "I will pour out my ___ on all people." (Joel 2:28)
6. "My people are destroyed from lack of ___." (Hosea 4:6)
10. "I will ___ their waywardness and love them freely." (Hosea 14:4)

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



Members of St. Matthew with Special Needs and Concerns

Nazaria Kaderabek Selma Schrader Myrna Gosch Shirley Scoles
Fred Fletcher Marlene Phillip Roberta Conyers Deloris Boysen

Family / Friends of Members with Special Needs and Concerns

Ron Kraffle (friend of Marla & Joe Hogan **Paul Riffle**, friend to Marla and 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; **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). Mary & John Deichman & family, for the loss of their son.(childhood friend of Ramona Weber)

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: Luke 3:2-6 John the Baptist



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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 ✝