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PALM SUNDAY / SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

(10 April 2022)

The Cross and Passion of Our Lord Are the Hour of His Glory

The King of Israel comes into His royal glory by the path of humble obedience *“to the point of death, even death on a cross”* (Phil. 2:8). He *“goes as it has been determined”* (Luke 22:22), according to the Scriptures, willingly submitting to His Father’s plan for the salvation of sinners. *“Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name”* (Phil. 2:9). His suffering and death open the way of repentance for the forgiveness of sins because He goes to the cross bearing the sins of the world. In His resurrection, God the Father vindicates His people and has compassion on His servants (Deut. 32:36). He kills to make alive; He wounds in order to heal. In remembrance of Him, we praise God, confessing *“that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father”* (Phil. 2:11).

HOLY (MAUNDY) THURSDAY

(14 April 2022)

Let Us Love One Another, as Christ Jesus Has Loved Us

By Holy Baptism, *“with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water”* (Heb. 10:22), we enter the holy place with Jesus. For Jesus is our Passover Lamb who has been sacrificed for us. He reclines at table with us and feeds us with His own flesh and blood: *“the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain”* (Heb. 10:20). In Christ, the Lord remembers us in mercy and remembers our sin no more; He forgives us all our iniquity (Jer. 31:34; Heb. 10:17). With such love, He *“loved his own who were in the world,”* and He even loves us *“to the end”* (John 13:1). As He washes us and feeds us in love, let us love one another, just as He has loved us (John 13:34).

GOOD FRIDAY

(15 April 2022)

Behold the Lamb of God, Who Takes Away the Sin of the World

Jesus, the Lamb of God, is led to the slaughter of His cross as the sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the world. *“Despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief”* (Is. 53:3), He is the righteous Servant who justifies many by His innocent suffering and death. He bears our griefs and carries our sorrows; He is wounded for our transgressions; He is crushed for our iniquities; He suffers our chastisement, so that *“with his wounds we are healed”* (Is. 53:4–5). As the Son of God, He fulfills the Law for us in human flesh, and so fulfills the Scriptures (John 19:7, 24). In perfect faith and faithfulness, He shares all our weaknesses and temptations, *“yet without sin”* (Heb. 4:15), and as our merciful High Priest, He brings us to the Father in peace.

EASTER DAY

(17 April 2022)

Christ’s Resurrection Is the Firstfruits of the New Creation

The Lord has promised to *“create new heavens and a new earth”* (Is. 65:17), in which His people shall abide in peace and joy. That new creation has begun in the bodily resurrection of Christ Jesus. All the baptized belong to that new creation. Reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, they are *“the offspring of the blessed of the LORD”* (Is. 65:23). The Lord rejoices and is glad in them; He hears and answers their prayers. For *“if in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied”* (1 Cor. 15:19). But Christ Jesus has been raised, *“the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep”* (1 Cor. 15:20). We may be *“perplexed about this”* (Luke 24:4), perhaps even frightened and brought to our knees, because it seems like an *“idle tale”* (Luke 24:11). But faith clings to the Word of Christ and finds His resurrected body — not in the tomb, but in His Holy Supper.

Black is seen very seldom during the year. The calendar calls for its use only twice; on Good Friday and Ash Wednesday. There's no mistaking the message that this sober color gives. Black is the absence of light. Good Friday, or Black Friday in combination with Ash Wednesday, calls for sober reflection on the cost of our redemption. Without Christ's sacrifice on the day the sky turned dark and hid the light of the sun, there would be no bright Light of Christ to live in, nor new life in Christ to enjoy.

Purple, like black, is a penitential color, in contrast to a festive one. It is appropriately used during Lent and, still in many parishes, during the season of Advent. The forty days of Lent, including the six Sundays that fall during this season, use this deep, rich color which has come to represent somberness and solemnity, penitence, and prayer. Jesus, the king of the Jews, wore a purple robe only once. As the soldiers mocked and tormented him, the Scriptures record they placed on him a "purple garment" in order to ridicule him and belittle the claim that he was a monarch. Therefore, purple is used during this penitential season of Lent as a vivid reminder of the contempt and scorn he endured, and the subsequent sacrifice he made for our eternal salvation. Ecclesiastical purple should remind all Christians of their daily need to humbly give attention to leading a life of repentance.

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.

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. Additional uses of red are Reformation Sunday; Holy Cross Day (Sept. 14); on such festive occasions as dedications, anniversaries of a congregation and its physical structure; festive days celebrating the office of the public ministry, such as ordination and installation.

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| RED |  |  |  |
| WHITE |  |  |  |
| PURPLE |  |  |  |
| BLACK |  |  |  |

PASTOR'S CALL



Our Pastor has received and accepted a call. He and his family will be leaving us early May and His last Sunday will be on May 1, 2022. They will be going to Des Plaines, IL. We are praying for them and praying for him in his new church. We will ask for the Lord's guidance and patience as our church moves forward to serve the Lord.



Confirmation at St. Matthew will be Palm Sunday, April 10. There will be two confirmands Taya Ohlmeier, and Troy Schmidt being confirmed into our church. Lets welcome them with open arms and grateful hearts.

There will be refreshments served in the narthex after church that Sunday, all are welcome.

| SEASON | DATE | FESTIVAL | FIRST READING | PSALM | EPISTLE | GOSPEL |
|-------------|---------|---|------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| LENT | Apr. 3 | Fifth S. in Lent | Is. 43:16–21 | Psalm 126 | Phil. 3:(4b–7) 8–14 | Luke 20:9–20 |
| HOLY WEEK | Apr. 10 | Palm Sunday (Sunday of the Passion) Confirmation | Deut. 32:36–39 | Psalm 118:19–29 or Psalm 31:9–16 | Phil. 2:5–11 | Luke 22:1—23:56 or Luke 23:1–56 or John 12:20–43 |
| | Apr. 14 | Holy (Maundy) Thursday | Jer. 31:31–34 or Ex. 12:1–14 | Psalm 116:12–19 | Heb. 10:15–25 or 1 Cor. 11:23–32 | Luke 22:7–20 or John 13:1–17, 31b–35 |
| GOOD FRIDAY | Apr. 15 | Good Friday | Is. 52:13—53:12 | Psalm 22 or Psalm 31 | Heb. 4:14–16; 5:7–9 | John 18:1—19:42 or John 19:17–30 |
| | Apr. 17 | The Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter Day) | Is. 65:17–25 | Psalm 16 | 1 Cor. 15:19–26 | Luke 24:1–12 |
| | Apr. 24 | Second S. of Easter | Acts 5:12–20 (21–32) | Psalm 148 | Rev. 1:4–18 | John 20:19–31 |

MY FAVORITE RECIPE

Recipe for April

Black Bean Quesadilla

1-15 oz. seasoned black bean

1 cup salsa

2 cups shredded Colby Jack cheese

8- 8inch flour tortilla

Pinch of chopped cilantro



Mash the one can of black beans, mix beans, salsa and cilantro together.

Spread mixture evenly over 4 of the tortillas and top with cheese.

Then cover with remaining tortillas shells.

Now heat skillet and cook quesadillas 2 minutes on each side.

Cut into wedges, serve with sour cream.



EASTER BREAKFAST

Come and enjoy a wonderful Easter Breakfast. Our Elders are serving the meal after church in the church basement. Free-will offering.

Q: WHY DO WE MEMORIZE VERSES?

A: We memorize Bible verses because we want to remember what God has told us. When we have the Bible in our head, God's Word will be with us when we're out playing, at the pool, or doing anything—in a tough situation, we will be able to remember what God has told us to do. It is also fun to memorize verses— then during the day, we can think about the verses and what they mean.

Heb 10:7 *Lo I came to you in the volume of the book, (it is written of me) to do thy will O God.*



TRIVIA QUESTION: by Christine LaBoube

Q: Who washed his hands in front of the crowd, saying he would not be guilty for Jesus' death?

A: (Matthew 27:24)

Answer: found on page 10

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

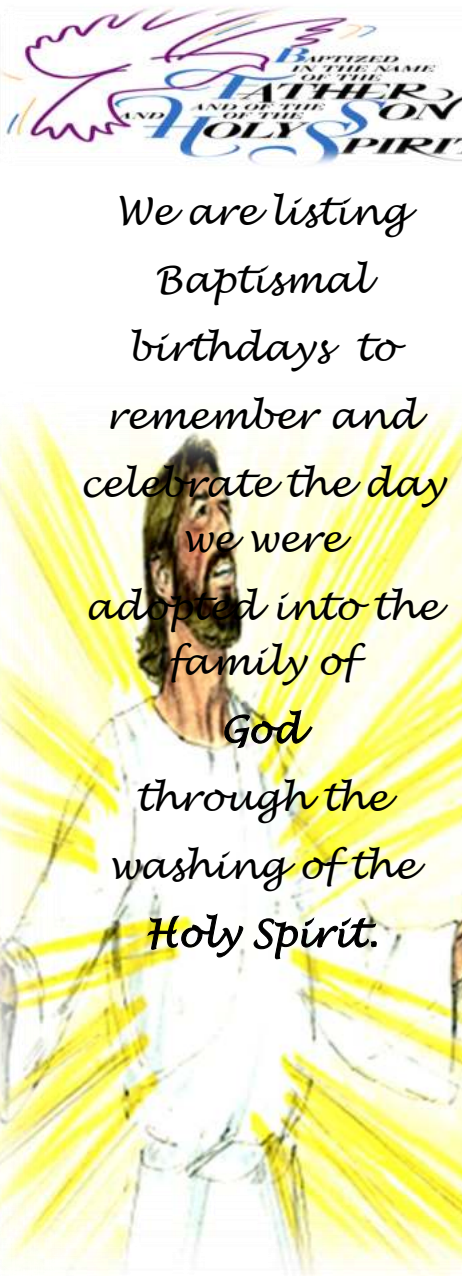
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| Emily | Boggs | Apr 17, 1992 |
| Brian | Brown | Apr 05, 1962 |
| Tanner | Broyhill | Apr 19, 1998 |
| Joan | Chandler | Apr 30, 1944 |
| Colton | Davis | Apr 25, 2008 |
| Jersey | Divis | Apr 17, 2006 |
| Shane | Erlemeier | Apr 06, 1988 |
| Sue | Flanigan | Apr 24, 1961 |
| Lexi | Frehse | Apr 11, 2010 |
| Darren | Goslar | Apr 27, 1983 |
| Jennifer | Goslar | Apr 17, 1975 |
| Les | Goslar | Apr 18, 1948 |
| Brittney | Gray | Apr 13, 1987 |
| Daniel | Greiner | Apr 27, 1991 |
| Brittany | Hesse | Apr 15, 1992 |
| Mark | Jensen | Apr 08, 1969 |
| Julie | Joy | Apr 09, 1980 |
| Zola | Kafton | Apr 02, 1943 |
| Daniel | Koithan | Apr 06, 1961 |
| Kyle | Krueger | Apr 18, 1983 |
| Brent | Kuehl | Apr 17, 1974 |
| Clint | Lamb | Apr 01, 1978 |
| Curt | Larson | Apr 24, 1971 |
| Freda | Means | Apr 03, 1927 |
| Sharon | Melby | Apr 21, 1946 |
| Nate | Paulsen | Apr 17, 1987 |
| Weston | Scheer | Apr 22, 2015 |
| Harper | Schrader | Apr 06, 2018 |
| Matthew | Schrader | Apr 08, 1988 |
| Darrell | Scott | Apr 16, 1945 |
| Jodi | Scott | Apr 09, 1971 |
| Cassidy | Walker | Apr 15, 1993 |
| Betty | Wood | Apr 14, 1952 |
| Kathy | Wunschel | Apr 27, 1958 |

80 + Birthday God's Blessings

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|---------|---------|--------------|
| Robert | Conyers | Apr 24, 1936 |
| Darlene | Dose | Apr 24, 1934 |
| Wayne | Kafton | Apr 27, 1942 |
| Maxine | Thies | Apr 28, 1937 |

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Facebook page: [St. Matthew Lutheran-Mapleton](#)



APRIL BAPTISMS

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|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Wanda | Andre | Apr 02, 1950 |
| Diane | Brahms | Apr 16, 1989 |
| Patrick | Brodersen | Apr 24, 1966 |
| Cooper | Bruhn | Apr 14, 2013 |
| Hadley | Bruhn | Apr 08, 2018 |
| Samantha | Burkhart | Apr 02, 1994 |
| Alicia | Burns | Apr 13, 1980 |
| Susan | Creswell | Apr 22, 1973 |
| Kay | Elmquist | Apr 03, 1938 |
| Jennifer | Engelke | Apr 20, 1975 |
| Shane | Erlemeier | Apr 24, 1988 |
| Lennox | Fox | Apr 16, 2016 |
| Megan | Frehse | Apr 18, 1982 |
| Anna | Goslar | Apr 09, 1995 |
| Hunter | Goslar | Apr 10, 2016 |
| Maverick | Goslar | Apr 10, 2011 |
| Mark | Jensen | Apr 19, 2000 |
| Christopher | Jochims | Apr 24, 1977 |
| Steve | Johnson | Apr 27, 1947 |
| Daniel | Koithan | Apr 16, 1961 |
| Dan | Kovarna | Apr 13, 1952 |
| Jeff | Krusen | Apr 06, 1958 |
| Rose | Laboube | Apr 12, 2020 |
| Rita | Lafrentz | Apr 15, 1945 |
| Ashton | Lichtenberg | Apr 29, 2001 |
| Claire | Mikkelsen | Apr 30, 2010 |
| Dennis | Muckey | Apr 16, 1950 |
| Gavin | Nevins | Apr 01, 1956 |
| Steve | Oberg | Apr 23, 1961 |
| Tyler | Paulsen | Apr 02, 1994 |
| Rodney | Pedersen | Apr 04, 1944 |
| Marlene | Phillips | Apr 05, 1936 |
| Gage | Rotnicke | Apr 30, 2000 |
| Patty | Sanderson | Apr 15, 1969 |
| Matthew | Schrader | Apr 23, 1988 |
| Darrell | Scott | Apr 21, 1946 |
| Kolby | Scott | Apr 03, 2005 |
| Lin | Scott | Apr 21, 1946 |
| Megan | WEBER | Apr 07, 1991 |
| Russell | Wray | Apr 28, 1968 |

God's Blessings on your Wedding Anniversary

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|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Richard and JoAnn Thoreson | Apr 18, 1980 61 yrs. |
| Pat and Monica Brodersen | Apr 22, 2000 22 yrs. |
| Jeff and Karen Krusen | Apr 06, 1979 43 yrs. |
| Gary and Maxine Thies | Apr 18, 1980 42 yrs. |
| Clint and Emily Lamb | Apr 08, 2000 22 yrs. |



SPOT LIGHT ON OUR MEMBERS



Karen Kueny is a long time resident of Mapleton. She is employed at the Maple Valley Anthon Oto Charter Oak Ute school system helping the children. She serves her church as a recording sectary. Recording the minutes and writing up the agenda and gathering our annual report. There is a lot of paper work she does. If you want more information please ask her. Let us all give Karen a big thank you or send her a card. Her address is: 707 Oak Street
Mapleton, IA 51034

Marla Hogan has lived in the Mapleton area most of her life. She has volunteered to be our youth Ed director. She teaches our kindergarten Sunday with some very happy children. Spending a lot of time preparing and teaching. If you would like more information please contact her. Lets reach out with a big thank you to Marla in person or with a card.



Children's Worship Bulletin

Welcome to Worship



Our Children will be receiving a bulletin every Sunday along with the adults now. The bulletin will include the old testament reading and the epistle reading and the Gospel lesson for that Sunday in the form of a coloring picture or activity for them to work on in church and or take home. We pray they will enjoy and learn something from this new addition to the church service.

We are always looking for news to put in our monthly News Letter, please let us know if you have any by calling Joan Chandler at 882-2560 or Karen Krusen 840-9059 or the church 881-2243. We will be happy to put it in for you.

Information for the bulletin and the weekly mailing must be in the office by Wed. of the week. Please call if you e-mailed the information, because sometimes the e-mail does not come through. The information for the Monthly news letter needs to be in by the 23th of the month.

PETE SMITH—FUND RAISER

Evelyn Christiansen (a former member of St. Matthew) her grandson, Pete Smith recently had a house fire and lost everything. St. Matthew answered the call to help. Thanks to all that gave to this cause. We gathered \$280.50 in cash. Along with 13 boxes of food, clothing, cleaning supplies, hygiene products appliances and bedding, furniture and more.

Praise God from whom all Blessing flow. May God Bless your generous hearts. A Big Thank You from Joan E. Chandler



PICK A HYMN: If you have a favorite Lenten Hymn you would like to hear this Lenten season please contact the church. We will try to play your choice at a service that month.

A big thank you to the ladies that have participated so far: Ruth Bruhn, Kay Johnson, Alice Miller, and Rita Lafrentz.

SERVE THE LORD BY SAVING

1. Save Best Choice Award
2. Save old Portals of Prayer
3. Save pop tabs
4. Save eyeglasses
5. Campbell soup labels for school



Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth! **Serve** the Lord with gladness!

Psalms 100:1

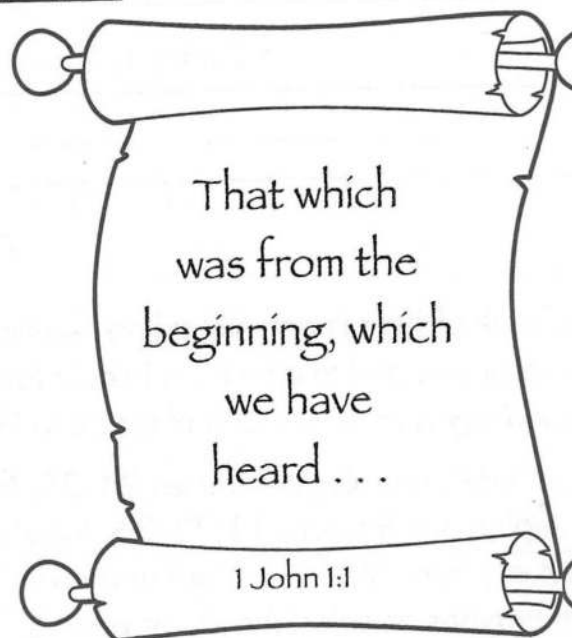
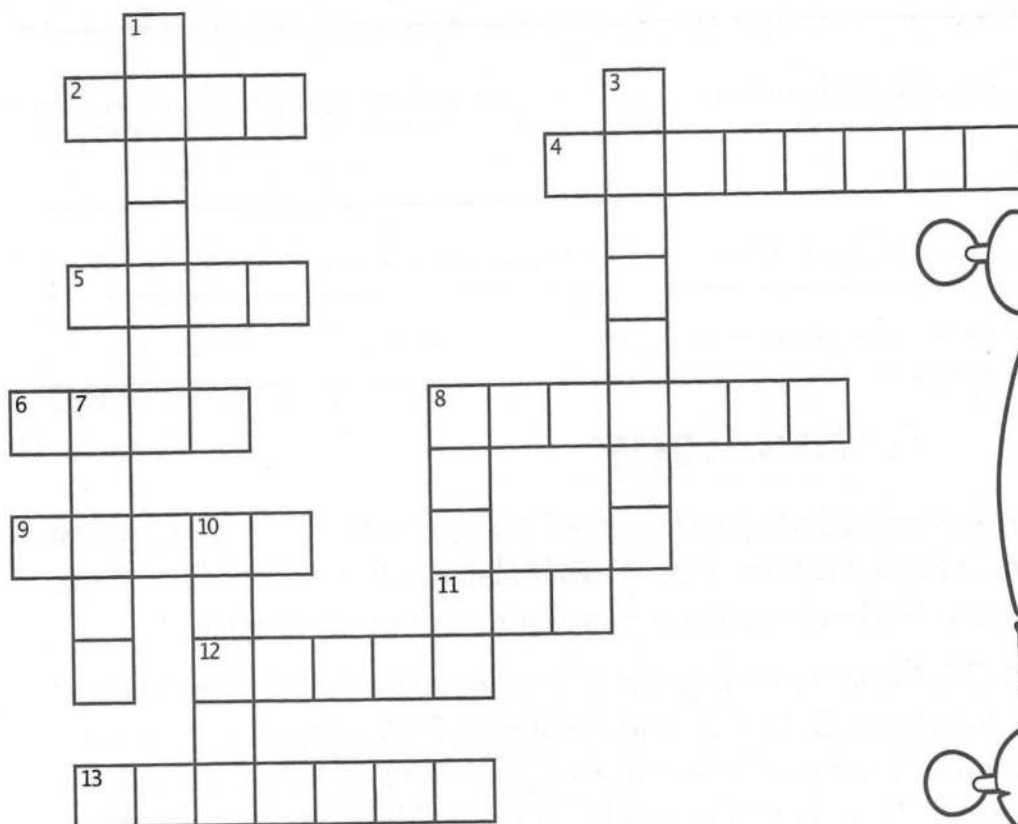


Name _____

1 John

The book of 1 John is actually a letter written by John (one of Jesus' 12 disciples) urging Christians to live in God's love.

Use your Bible and 1 John to answer the clues to complete the crossword puzzle below.



Across

2. God is _____. (4:16)
4. The world and its desires _____. (2:17)
5. Jesus Christ laid down His _____ for us. (3:16)
6. This is love for God: to _____ His commands. (5:3)
8. The man who does the will of God lives _____. (2:17)
9. Do not love the _____. (2:15)
11. This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only _____. (4:9)
12. How _____ is the love the Father has lavished on us. (3:1)
13. Let us not love with words or tongue but with _____. (3:18)

Down

1. If we confess our sins, God will _____ us. (1:9)
3. In Him there is no _____ at all. (1:5)
7. The _____ of Jesus purifies us from all sin. (1:7)
8. We love God because He _____ loved us. (4:19)
10. God is _____. (1:5)

Answer to Trivia Question: A: Pilate



Please continue to pray for our church leaders.
"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

Romans 12:12

Pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17)



PRAYER WARRIORS— The prayer warriors desire to hear from you as to how they can pray for you. We have 14 prayer warriors.

We welcome more men and women to join us. if you need prayer call **Alice Miller** phone number 712-880-2380.

Members of St. Matthew with Special Needs and Concerns

Nazaria Kaderabek
 Alan Bruhn

Carol Dose
 Fred Fletcher

Myrna Gosch
 Fern Jacobsen

Selma Schrader

Those who serve in the military:

Ryan Trucke (son of Beth & Ed Trucke, Grandson of Kay and Richard Johnson) serving with U.S. Air Force at FE Warren AFB in Wyoming (wife and child are here). Ryan is at this address: Prince Sultan AFB, Saudia Arabia 378ECF-CEOIU Unit 61362 APO, AE 09877 (here for only 6 months)
His birthday is Feb 3, send him a card!

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

Marcus Roupe serving in Cuba (nephew of Marilyn & Duane Hamann) PSC201 Box 6997 APO AE 09522

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

Selma Schrader 92 yrs. Nov. 12, 1929
 21 Ohm Drive

Mapleton, IA 51034

Nazaria Kaderabek

310 S. 6th St.

Mapleton, IA 51034

Fern Jacobsen Main Street Apartments

516 Main Street Apt 3

Mapleton, IA 51034

Cecil, Fred Fletcher

1225 B Ave.

Danbury, IA 51019

Alan Bruhn

14535 Walnut Ave

Mapleton, IA 51034

(Currently at: UNMC Hospital

42nd & Emile

Omaha, Nebraska 68198)

Sharon Kuehl Henning

312 Highcroft

Window MN 56101

Bonnie Banks 87 yrs. Jun 2, 1934

Main Street Apartments

516 Main Street Apt 2

Mapleton, IA 51034

Delores Boysen 82 yrs. Mar. 5, 1939

31153 Juinter Ave.

Hinton, IA 51024

Delbert Kroll 88 yrs. Jun. 1, 1933

815 Ring Street

Mapleton IA 51034

Phyllis Fick 93 yrs. Jun 3, 1928

Willow Dale Care—Assisted Living

404 1st St.

Battle Creek, IA 51006

George Koithan 89 yrs. Sept. 2, 1932

Sunrise Ave.

Maple Heights Nursing Home 51034

Carol Dose 87 yrs. Jan. 22, 1934

Sunrise Ave.

Maple Heights Nursing Home 51034

Myrna Gosch 80 yrs. Jan 9, 1941

Pleasant View Care Center

200 Shannon Dr. Rm #108

Whiting, IA 51063





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In His Footsteps:

Meet each new day
knowing that God is
by your side and will
lead you every step
of the way.

TRIVIA QUESTION answer: rainbow

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 Camp Okoboji – 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.lfsiowa.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 Jesus, Help me to focus on You and your living Presence and surround me with Your peace. Please let me find eternal security in You, *for you are the same yesterday, today and forever, I know this will instill meaning into my days. Help me to begin each day alone with you, step by step holding your hand and being totally dependent on you, because I know Jesus you will smooth out the path before me. I love you Jesus, Amen*