



# St Matthew In Action JUNE

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Summer is nearly upon us, despite the fact the weather seems to think otherwise. This month marks the beginning of summer. With summer comes summer sports, swimming, vacations, camping trips, and so much more. As I consider the idea of camping trips I recall all the memories I have of tent camping. It can be so much fun to pop up your tent and enjoy some time in the great outdoors.

In the Old Testament there is a holiday dedicated to tents (well it's more than just a tent holiday, but more on that in a minute). In Leviticus 23, God commands the people to keep the "Feast of Booths" for one week. During this time they were to set up tents and live in them, but for a very specific reason. In Leviticus 23 we read,

"You shall dwell in booths for seven days. All native Israelites shall dwell in booths, that your generations may know that I made the people of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God." - Lev. 23:42-43

So you see, this feast wasn't just about camping out in tents for a week. It was to remind them that when God brought them out of Egypt, they traveled through the wilderness living in tents (booths) for the duration of that journey. This served as a reminder to them of how God cared for them throughout their wilderness wandering.

During those wilderness wanderings, the Israelites weren't the only ones dwelling in tents though. In Exodus 25, God instructs Moses to build Him a very specific tent called The Tabernacle.

"And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst. Exactly as I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle, and of all its furniture, so you shall make it." - Ex. 25:8-9

This special tent was God's dwelling place until Solomon was permitted to build the temple. God gave specific instructions for His tent to be the first thing taken down when they prepared to set out and the first thing put up when they settled down. It was a place for the people to offer sacrifices to God, for the elders to meet, and for God to dwell in the midst of His people.

Later in John 1, the tabernacle, this dwelling place of God, is connected with Christ himself. John writes,

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." - John 1:14

Jesus dwelt among us. Through Him God gives us His grace and mercy. Jesus, the Word made flesh and dwelling among us, isn't just the place where sacrifices are offered as was the tabernacle and later the temple, He is the sacrifice for us all to give us life and peace. What a blessing for God to come and tent among us in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ!

And now St Paul teaches us that we are God's temple in 1 Cor. 6:19-20, St Paul tells us our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in us. So this summer though we may not be celebrating the Feast of Booths as they did in the Old Testament, remember that God tented among His people and now dwells in us. May we bring honor to the one who dwells in us!

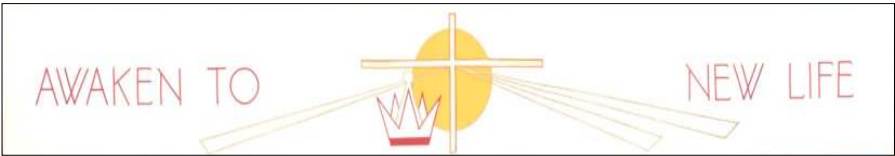
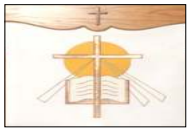
In Christ,

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.

WHITE



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

RED



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!

GREEN



| SEASON  | DATE              | FESTIVAL               | FIRST READING      | PSALM     | EPISTLE                  | GOSPEL        |
|---------|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------------|---------------|
| EASTER  | May 29            | Seventh S. of Easter   | Acts 1:12–26       | Psalm 133 | Rev. 22:1–6 (7–11) 12–20 | John 17:20–26 |
|         | June 5            | The Day of Pentecost   | Gen. 11:1–9        | Psalm 143 | Acts 2:1–21              | John 14:23–31 |
| TRINITY | June 12           | The Holy Trinity       | Prov. 8:1–4, 22–31 | Psalm 8   | Acts 2:14a, 22–36        | John 8:48–59  |
|         | June 19 (Prop. 7) | Second S. a. Pentecost | Is. 65:1–9         | Psalm 3   | Gal. 3:23–4:7            | Luke 8:26–39  |
|         | June 26 (Prop. 8) | Third S. a. Pentecost  | 1 Kings 19:9b–21   | Psalm 16  | Gal. 5:1, 13–25          | Luke 9:51–62  |



## A Little Information (you may or may not know) About Quilting

Bonnie Banks was one of the starters of making quilts for World Relief. The Sarah Circle started with only a few a year and it increased with time.

I started quilting at church around 1970. At that time Arlene Teut, Dorothea Bochmann, and I would take turns being in charge of the weekly quilters. We met every Monday between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm and taking a sack lunch. We met January through March. Dedication of the quilts was the end of April and then they were loaded on a semi truck heading to the Lutheran World Relief Warehouse in Minneapolis, MN. Other items were included in this pickup (soap, layettes, sewing kits, school kits). Along the way they stopped at other churches - picking up their quilts. Almost all LCMS and AELC churches made quilts. This became a great servant event for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

I started keeping track in 2004. From then until now we have made 4,075 quilts. We also give quilts to those who have had a fire in their home - to Camp Okoboji - benefit auctions - to the Salvation Army - to the Veterans. About 7 or 8 years ago we started taking our quilts to Orphan Grain Train. It is closer and doesn't require as much work in packing. They send quilts all over the world too. We do not push to sell our quilts, but if someone is interested, we will. The money goes into our quilting fund.

We have been blessed with MANY donations - new fabric, used fabric, drapery, estate sales, friends from Mapleton and the neighboring towns all around, California, Minnesota, Oklahoma, cleaning out closets and sewing rooms, and from our friends at the Onawa Motel.. We can't thank our "friends" enough for supporting this project.

We have had between 31 and 13 quilters - several being from other towns or churches. Many have served well and have passed on. We miss them and thank God for them. We are not required to be there every time - come and go as you please. In 2020 during the pandemic lockdown, we quit for 2 months. Then we began to get lonely and since the church basement was not being used for anything else, we began quilting EVERY Wednesday afternoon from 1 to 4. We enjoy visiting with each other and making quilts to keep those in need warm. We enjoy it so much we have kept going year round. As long as God keeps supplying us with more fabric, I guess we will just keep on sewing!

We encourage everyone to come for a time or two and try us out. We could really use the help and you might just enjoy yourself and get a laugh or two.. We also have coffee break. We have a variety of jobs - all easy - something anybody can do.

Zola Kafton, reporting



## MY FAVORITE RECIPE

### Chunky Chicken Noodle Soup

½ cup finely chopped carrot  
¼ cup finely chopped celery  
¼ cup finely chopped onion  
1 tsp butter  
6 cups chicken broth  
1 ½ cups cubed cooked chicken  
1 tsp salt  
½ tsp dried marjoram  
½ tsp dried Thyme  
1/8 tsp pepper  
1 ¼ cups uncooked medium egg noodles  
1 tablespoon minced fresh parsley

**Directions:** Sauté the carrots, celery, and onion in butter in a Dutch oven until tender. Stir in the broth, chicken, and seasonings. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, add noodles; cook for 10 minutes or until noodles are tender. Sprinkle with parsley      Yield: 6 Servings

Please give us your favorite recipe so it can be published and shared with everyone. Thank you.

Submitted by Janeal Holmes

## VBS Rainforest Explorer

JULY 26-27-28 FROM 6-8 PM



COME TO AND MEET THIS FURRY LITTLE GUY!

Tell your friends you will have a good time, you can count on it.

Volunteers always welcome, you will have fun too.

1. Save Best Choice Award
2. Save old Portals of Prayer
3. Save pop tabs
4. Save eyeglasses

**SERVE THE LORD BY SAVING**



TRIVIA QUESTION: by Christine LaBoube

Q: How many days was Jonah in the belly of the whale?

A: (Jonah 1:17) Answer: found on page 10

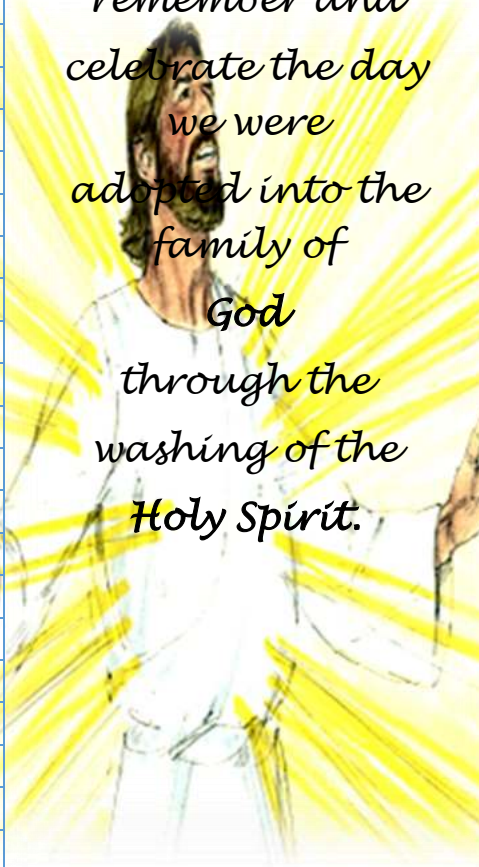


## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

|                        |              |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Gayle Gibson           | Jun 09, 1942 |
| Dorothy Wessling       | Jun 29, 1942 |
| Karen Kueny            | Jun 08 1948  |
| Randi Meseck           | Jun 20, 1948 |
| Susan Krueger          | Jun 28, 1948 |
| Jeannette Riesberg     | Jun 30, 1957 |
| Larry Wunschel         | Jun 30, 1957 |
| Julie Bollig           | Jun 18, 1958 |
| James Rickert          | Jun 15, 1959 |
| Durene Marsh           | Jun 07, 1960 |
| Sandra Kruse           | Jun 10, 1961 |
| Dean Fritz             | Jun 07, 1962 |
| Brenda Brown           | Jun 26, 1963 |
| Diana Schauer          | Jun 27, 1964 |
| Byron Bruhn            | Jun 11, 1967 |
| Brenda Davis           | Jun 08, 1971 |
| Lenora Broyhill        | Jun 05, 1974 |
| Brock Goslar           | Jun 22, 1975 |
| Brian Scott            | Jun 12, 1980 |
| Nathan Brodersen       | Jun 26, 1981 |
| Harold Travis Riesberg | Jun 29, 1985 |
| Jared Bruhn            | Jun 23, 1986 |
| Frank Negless          | Jun 10, 1987 |
| Austin Schauer         | Jun 11, 1987 |
| Chelsea Bernard        | Jun 21, 1987 |
| Kaye Flanigan          | Jun 28, 1990 |
| Zachery Goslar         | Jun 16, 1993 |
| Michael Jacoby         | Jun 19, 1995 |
| Mitchell Elmquist      | Jun 25, 1998 |
| Liam Lamb              | Jun 20, 2005 |
| MaKenna Meseck         | Jun 20, 2006 |
| Roger Ingram           | Jun 12, 1935 |
| Hudson Bruhn           | Jun 20, 2011 |



*We are listing  
Baptismal  
birthdays to  
remember and  
celebrate the day  
we were  
adopted into the  
family of  
God  
through the  
washing of the  
Holy Spirit.*



## JUNE BAPTISMS

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Deloris Livermore | Jun 09, 1929 |
| Ferne Jacobson    | Jun 30, 1930 |
| Bonnie Banks      | Jun 24, 1934 |
| Kay Johnson       | Jun 08, 1941 |
| Bruce Burton      | Jun 02, 1947 |
| Mark Greiner      | Jun 14, 1954 |
| Mark Witzel       | Jun, 1959    |
| Lynette Larson    | Jun 29, 1967 |
| Kathryn Schiltz   | Jun 18, 1967 |
| Byron Bruhn       | Jun 25, 1967 |
| Lisa Rotnicke     | Jun 20, 1968 |
| Evan Bruhn        | Jun 22, 1969 |
| Misty Hinrickson  | Jun 03, 1973 |
| Brent Kuehl       | Jun 23, 1974 |
| Rhonda Kruger     | Jun 05, 1974 |
| Jennifer Goslar   | Jun 10, 1975 |
| Brock Goslar      | Jun 29, 1975 |
| Sarah Schmidt     | Jun 14, 1981 |
| Shawn Ohlmeier    | Jun 26, 1983 |
| Joe Krusen        | Jun 12, 1983 |
| Emily Boggs       | Jun 07, 1992 |
| Shelby Jensen     | Jun 12, 1994 |
| Zakary Scott      | Jun 24, 2001 |
| Tyler Ohlmeier    | Jun 06, 2004 |
| Lexi Frehse       | Jun 19, 2010 |
| Kiana Zawodny     | Jun 26, 2011 |
| Weston Scheer     | Jun 28, 2015 |



## 80 + Birthday God's Blessings

|               |               |                |
|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Phyllis Fick  | Jun 03, 1928  | <b>94 yrs.</b> |
| Delbert Kroll | Jun 01, 1933  | <b>89 yrs.</b> |
| Bonnie Banks  | Jun 02, 1934  | <b>88yrs.</b>  |
| Roger Ingram  | Jun . 12 1935 | <b>87 yrs.</b> |
| Ernest Witzel | Jun 18, 1936  | <b>85yrs</b>   |
| Sharon Pope   | Jun 16, 1940  | <b>82 Yrs.</b> |

## God's Blessings on your Wedding Anniversary

|                          |              |                |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Robert and Wanda Andre   | Jun 23, 1968 | <b>54yrs.</b>  |
| Doc and Kay Johnson      | Jun 23, 1962 | <b>60 yrs.</b> |
| David and Ann Schmidt    | Jun 22, 1974 | 48 yrs.        |
| Kurt and Sarah Schmidt   | Jun 23, 2001 | 21 yrs.        |
| Grant and Shirley Scoles | Jun 28, 1963 | <b>59 yrs.</b> |
| Russell and Roxie Wray   | Jun 09, 1984 | 38 yrs.        |

## CONFIRMATION—APRIL 10TH



Confirmation at St. Matthew was Palm Sunday, April 10. There were two confirmands confirmed into our church. Refreshments were enjoyed in the narthex after church. Lets welcome them with open arms and grateful hearts.

*Psalm 37:4* Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart

### FAREWELL LUNCHEON FOR PASTOR LABOUBE

May 1st we had a going away church potluck for Pastor, Christina and Rose. We had a really good turn out of people and food. It was nice to show Pastor how much we appreciated him and we will definitely miss him and his family. I liked that we could take that time to say goodbye to both him and Christina. I think a lot of us agreed that we will also miss seeing Rose in church for sure. We wish Pastor and his family many blessings as they start a new adventure in their lives.



**Montana Brodersen**

Daughter of Nathan and Betsy Broderse  
Future Plans: Online college through  
Liberty University to become a  
social worker

**St. Matthew Congratulates Montana Brodersen**, daughter of Nathan and Betsy Brodersen. Plans: Online college through Liberty University to become a social worker.

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

*Psalm 100:1*



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.

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## IF JESUS HAD AN OBITUARY



Jesus Christ, 33, of Nazareth, died Friday on Mount Calvary, also known as Golgotha, the place of the skull. Betrayed by the apostle Judas, Jesus was crucified by the Romans, by order of the Ruler Pontius Pilate. The causes of death were crucifixion, extreme exhaustion, severe torture, and loss of blood.

Jesus Christ, a descendant of Abraham, was a member of the house of David. He was the Son of the late Joseph, a carpenter of Nazareth, and Mary, His devoted Mother. Jesus was born in a stable in the city of Bethlehem, Judea. He is survived by His mother Mary, His faithful Apostles, numerous disciples, and many other followers.

Jesus was self educated and spent most of his adult life working as a Teacher. Jesus also occasionally worked as a Medical Doctor and it is reported that he healed many patients. Up until the time of His death, Jesus was teaching and sharing the Good News, healing the sick, touching the lonely, feeding the hungry, and helping the poor.

Jesus was most noted for telling parables about His Father's Kingdom and performing miracles, such as feeding over 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish, and healing a man who was born blind. On the day before His death, He held a Last Supper celebrating the Passover Feast, at which He foretold His death.

The body was quickly buried in a stone grave, which was donated by Joseph of Arimathea, a loyal friend of the family. By order of Pontius Pilate, a boulder was rolled in front of the tomb. Roman soldiers were put on guard. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that everyone try to live as Jesus did. Donations may be sent to anyone in need.

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## BAKE SALE

On June 4th Outreach department is having a bake sale. It will be held in front of the "In Control" building in town. Please let Marilyn Hamann 712-870-1947 or Ramona Weber 712-840-9837 know what you think you might provide so we have an idea of items would be available. Come and see what we will be selling. Thank you.



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





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  
Selma Schrader  
Fern Jacobsen

Carol Dose  
Alan Bruhn  
Marlene Phillips

Myrna Gosch  
Fred Fletcher

Family / Friends of Members with Special Needs and Concerns

**Ron Kraffle** friend of Marla & Joe Hogan; **Lynn Smith** friend of Marla and Joe Hogan; **Jazmin Mauch**, granddaughter of Marla and Joe Hogan; **Jerri Haindfield** daughter of Marilyn & Duane Hamann; **Dis Reitz**, husband of Caroline ; friend of Kay Johnson. **Pam Clausen**, daughter of Fern Jacobsen; **Sharon Kuehl Henning** niece of Judy & Gary Kuehl; **Beth Weber**, cousin of Dean and Ramona Weber;

Military

**Ryan Trucke** **Ryan is home now with his family** 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 St Omaha, NE 68136 (niece of Jeff & Karen Krusen)

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

*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:

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

TRIVIA QUESTION answer: 3 days

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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*