

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 13 & 14, 2019

Known by **LOVE**
Live by **FAITH**
A Voice of **HOPE**

Sermon Notes

Greetings Friends,

Part of a conversation from the movie *Ben Hur* during the Palm Sunday scene: "I saw your dreamy Caesar make his entry into Jerusalem. You told us he would that day proclaim himself king of the Jews from the steps of the temple. I beheld the procession descend the mountains bringing him. I heard their singing. There were beautiful palms in motion. I looked everywhere among them for a figure with a promise of royalty, a horseman in purple, a chariot with a driver in shining brass, a sturdy warrior behind an orbed shield, rivaling his spear in stature. I looked for his guard. It would have been pleasant to have seen a prince of Jerusalem and a cohort of the legions of Galilee. Instead of a Caesar helmeted and sworded, I saw a man, riding an donkey's colt, and in tears."

Why was Jesus crying? Let's think about that today.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bill Hugo

TODAY!

Wave your palms! Every time you hear or speak "hosanna - God save us!" in worship this weekend, wave your palm branches! **8:00 a.m.** - Our combined choral groups will present a new setting of the shouts of "hosanna" on that first palm Sunday in Joseph Martin's "A Celtic Hosanna". Our thanks to the choirs, music team (10:45), and all worship assistants for their leadership throughout the weekend. To God be the glory!

GIVING TO THE LORD

Weekly Worship Attendance: 129
April Tithes & Offerings to date: \$9,949
April Budgeted Offerings: \$30,500

Prayers for the Week of April 14

Sally Desormay is in transitional care following hospitalization. **Jan Godfrey** (sister-in-law to Carol Lundholm) has been diagnosed with colon cancer.

Bill Hugo, Pastor † Carol Blase, Coordinator of Music
Brenda Hugo, Coordinator of Children's Ministries † Faustina Allen, Director of Teen Ministries
Kathy Rosenberg and Rose Davis, Parish Nurses † Ruth Petersen, Office Manager
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 16

6:30 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, April 17

6:00 DISCIPLESHIP VISION TEAM

Thursday, April 18

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 PM WORSHIP

8:00 PM EASTER FESTIVAL CHOIR

Friday, April 19

GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 PM COMMUNITY WORSHIP

AT COMMUNITY METHODIST, 950 Gould Ave. NE

3:00-5:00 PM "FOLLOW JESUS" INTERACTIVE EVENT

7:00 PM TENEBRAE WORSHIP

Saturday, April 20

10:00 AM EASTER BAND REHEARSAL

7:00 PM EASTER VIGIL

Sunday, April 21

EASTER SUNDAY!

7:00 AM WORSHIP AT HILLSIDE CEMETERY

8:00 AM WORSHIP

8:00-11:00 AM EASTER BREAKFAST

9:30 AM WORSHIP

11:00 AM WORSHIP

Monday, April 22

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

This Friday (Apr. 19) you have the opportunity to travel to Jerusalem via a **NEW** interactive event geared for families, but 'tourists' of all ages are welcome! Arrive at St. Matthew any time between 3:00-5:00 PM to take an interactive tour to Jerusalem and **'Follow Jesus'** through events of Holy Week. Each 'trip' will last approximately one hour. Flyers are available in the gathering area outside the worship center so you can invite your friends/neighbors. The event is free, however donations are appreciated.

An outdoor **Spring Clean-up Day** is scheduled for Saturday morning, April 27th, starting at 8:00am. There will be a variety of lawn and landscaping work to do, plus a little light maintenance work. All rakes, shovels, and other tools will be provided, although a pair of gloves might be handy. Come and stay as long as it suits you! Don't forget: "Many hands make light work."

TAKE HOME DETAILS AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX

Pick one up today!

Tickets for our spring production, "Big Fish" are on sale. Please see Carol Blase after worship services, call the church office during the week, or contact Carol via e-mail to reserve your place at one of these shows (May 2-5 and May 9-12)! Tickets are \$10 each, with a dinner option available for Saturday, May 4 and a social hour option available for Saturday, May 11(\$10 each). All seats are reserved.

Help me make this list disappear! Make plans to volunteer for **VBS - "ROAR! Life is Wild. God is Good!"** Info. & volunteer applications with details are available in the gathering area for this mission outreach event. (**VBS, June 23-27, evenings**) **Open positions** ('Assistants' are folks finishing grade 5-11; Leads may be late teens-adults):

- Opening/Closing Celebrations: 1-2 assistants, 1-2 lead tech people
- Crew Leaders: 9-mixed-age grps, 2 for Teen Grps (*Train- May 19, noon*)
- Imagination Station Team: 1-2 assistants
- Wild Bible Adventure Team: 1 assistant
- Hungry Herd Café - one co-lead, 1-2 assistants
- Stampede Sports - one lead, 1-2 assistants
- Pre-Event Meals Teams - Wed. is filled, need Sun.-Tues., Thurs.
- Registration Assistants - need several, days vary
- Mission Station - need several, days vary
- Alley Crossing Guard - Day 1 only (a lead position)
- Building Security - (a lead position)
- Floaters - help as needed, usually for unexpected absences

A MATTER OF BALANCE: *managing concerns about falling, is coming to St. Matthew, Thursdays, May 2 - June 20, 1-3 PM.*

A MATTER OF BALANCE is designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels of older adults who have concerns about falls.

Facilitated by Rose Davis. Minimum of 8 participants needed to hold class, maximum of 14. Cost: \$20, payable at first session. Registration forms are available on the Welcome Desk or call Rose Davis to register: 612-781-9663. Complete information is posted on the Health and Wellness bulletin board.

YOGADEVOTION! Held weekly on Thursday evenings in the Willer Room, 6:30 to 7:30pm. Next session: **April 25 - May 30**; 6 weeks, \$48 total per person. Sign up on the Health & Wellness bulletin board or call the church office. All levels are welcome! Join anytime!

Little Dresses For Africa, www.littledressesforafrica.org/blog/, is looking for gently used pillowcases to make into dresses for African girls. If anyone has any pillowcases you don't need, please contact either Faustina Allen or Amy Johnson to donate them or place them in the basket in the narthex.