

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 25 & 26, 2020

RISE!

Sermon Notes

Greetings Friends, Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

In our Gospel lesson today, we see 2 followers of Jesus on a journey. They are journeying from Jerusalem to Emmaus following the Passover. But they are also on a spiritual journey—moving from fear and confusion to learning and growth. Jesus joined them and accompanied them on both journeys.

Today we look at our own journeys during the time of quarantine and shelter at home orders and uncertainty. We see Jesus walking along side us for the journey, leading us from fear to learning to growth.

Grace and Peace and Alleluia!,
Pastor Bill Hugo

WORSHIP NOTES: Our thanks to the musicians and to other worship assistants for their leadership in the recording process for this weekend. To God be the glory! Christ is risen! HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

Prayers for the Week of April 26

Helen Benson turned 100 years old this week.

We pray for **Tim Naber** at the death of his aunt, Vivian Naber and for the family and friends of former member, **Wally Walburg**, who died this week. **Dick Byersdorfer** has moved to a rehab facility. **Donna Stevens**, **Kim Robinson** and **Hilda Ebert** are dealing with health issues.

GIVING TO THE LORD

Weekly Worship Attendance: 0
April Tithes & Offerings to date: \$31,187
April Budgeted Offerings: \$30,783

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 † Sarai Kretschman, Pastoral Care Assistant
Julie Allen, Office Manager † Julie Sventek, Director - DCLC - 763-789-4030

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, April 27

4:30 PM DCLC BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, April 28

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY WILL NOT MEET

Thursday, April 30

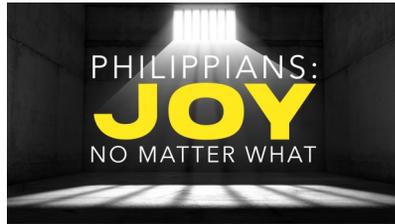
10:00 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY WILL BE on ZOOM

Contact Dorothy Brutlag if you would like to join in
dorothybrutelag@gmail.com 763-572-0894

Sunday, May 3

10:45 AM WORSHIP ONLINE

St. Matthew Lutheran Church Youth Group meets virtually for Bible Study on Zoom on Wednesday nights at 7pm. From the book of Philipians, they are studying "Joy No Matter What". Often, the frustrating circumstances in our lives are the tools that God is using to teach us to depend on Him, grow closer to Him, and grow in our character. Please join us!



Thank you to our Meals on Wheels drivers who are delivering food even during these challenging Covid-19 days.

TAKE HOME DETAILS AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX

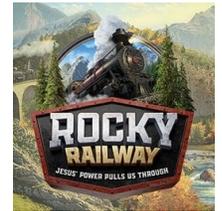
Pick one up today!

NO REHEARSALS: Due to the continuing shelter-in-place order from our governor, all choral rehearsals and music team rehearsals are cancelled through at least May 1. Watch for Carol's e-mails, updating musicians on the remainder of our choir year schedule.

DATE CHANGE – In an attempt to dodge COVID-19, the dates for VBS have been moved from the original June/July dates, to:

Sun., Aug. 2 – Thurs., Aug. 6, evenings
Vacation Bible School - Rocky Railway

Volunteer information is available in order for you to make an informed decision concerning which area of the volunteer train crew you would like to join as we get ready to share how Jesus pulls us through life's ups and downs.



Volunteer positions for kids finishing 5th grade – adults.

Contact: brenda.hugo@stmatthew-ch.org to receive volunteering info.

Got kids? Let Brenda know you would like to be included on her Children's Ministries email list to receive information/lessons/activities by contacting her at brenda.hugo@stmatthew-ch.org

Old VBS banduras are available for free (*some new/never worn, some used/washed*). I don't know if they have any effect as a face mask, but I guess they might be better than nothing. They are on the narrow table across from the Welcome Desk in the church gathering area if you want to stop by and pick some up. Please refrain from picking through them – please only take the ones you touch. Thank you.

Safe Giving: As we continue to take precautions to be safe given our current environment and cannot gather together as a church family, please prayerfully consider giving electronically. Our new GivePlus+ system is even easier than before. You can elect one-time or recurring contributions; and choose from among all the various giving areas including missions, general operating, savings, building and DCLC. Signing up is simple; go to the **Electronic Giving link found on our St Matthew website** for more information or to schedule your contributions today.