

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 22 & 23, 2020

RISE!

Sermon Notes

Greetings Friends,

I so appreciate all the support being shown to me and my family during my mom's illness. You have been such a blessing! I left on Thursday this week to go back to Memphis for a while to be with my mom as she makes her way to heaven. Thank you for allowing me to do that. And a special thanks to Pastor B for preaching again this week.

Grace and Peace and alleluia!,
Pastor Bill Hugo

WORSHIP NOTES: Our thanks to the Music Team, and to other worship assistants for their leadership in worship over the weekend. To God be the glory!

LOOKING AHEAD! The annual outdoor kick-off service will be on Sunday, Sept. 13 in our very own parking lot! Stay tuned for the details, and plan now to attend!

Prayers for the Week of August 23

Cheryl Maxwell's mother, **Lorraine Koch**, entered heaven this week

GIVING TO THE LORD

Weekly Worship Attendance: 52
August Tithes & Offerings to date: \$18,161
August Budgeted Offerings: \$38,478

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
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, August 24

4:30 PM DCLC BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, August 25

6:30 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, August 26

7:00 PM TEEN MINISTRY

Thursday, August 27

10:00 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Saturday, August 29

5:30 PM WORSHIP

Sunday, August 30

8:30 AM BIBLE CLASS on ZOOM

10:00 AM WORSHIP ON-SITE & ONLINE

TAKE HOME DETAILS AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX

Pick one up today!

Anoka County Social Services, SACA, and the Columbia Heights School District and Police Department will be co-hosting a back to school event on August 27th from 3-7pm behind Murzyn Hall.

This will be a COVID safe event, which will consist of a drive-through behind Murzyn Hall where families will be able to pick up a student backpack filled with school supplies and a mask. The backpacks will also contain homelessness resources and school enrollment information. This event will also double as a supply drive for SACA. **SACA is in need of diapers and hygiene supplies.**

There is a bin available in the narthex for anyone wishing to donate **diapers and hygiene supplies to SACA or pencils and crayons for in the backpacks. Please bring donations by Sunday, August 23rd.**

Our next 12 week session of **GriefShare** begins on September 2, 2020 and runs on Wednesday nights from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. We are currently planning to have classes in person with COVID-19 precautions. If the need arises, we will move to online sessions. Please contact Sarai Kretschman at sarai.kretschman@stmatthew-ch.org or the church office at 763-788-9427 to register.



Thanks to all who participated in **The Aging Brain ZOOM** presentation on Tuesday August 11th, 2020.

If you missed it and would like to view that event, or listen to it again, please go to the St Matthew church website www.stmatthew-ch.org and look under the Health and Wellness section under Virtual Health and Wellness Classes. You can then click on the link to YouTube to view this specific recorded Aging Brain presentation from 8/11/20.



If you have any concerns or questions about memory issues and our aging brains, feel free to contact your Parish Nurse Kathy Rosenberg for more discussion and support at kathy.rosenberg@stmatthew-ch.org or you may call her at 612-296-1812, leave a message and she will return your call on Tuesdays if not before.

VBS/Family Event funds: Fundraising was interrupted/cut short this year when we had to postpone VBS after purchasing most of the materials. And then there were some additional expenses for the one-day family event on Aug. 2 which replaced VBS in these COVID times. First of all, **THANK YOU** to those who already made a donation toward VBS!!

Bad News: we are about \$1900 short on funding for these events

Good News: once we reach that goal, a much smaller dollar amount will be needed next year because most of the VBS non-perishable purchases have already been made and are just waiting to be used in 2021!

Donations (checks) may be made payable to St. Matthew with 'VBS' on the memo line, and dropped off or mailed to St. Matthew. Cash is also welcome. Thank you!

Volunteers – Children's Ministries: There are volunteer positions available in Children's Ministries (Sundays and Wednesdays). Some are teaching roles. Some are not. Some require longer commitment, some are very short term. If you have an interest in using your gifts in service in this area, please contact Brenda Hugo for specifics. (brenda.hugo@stmatthew-ch.org)