

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 29 & 30, 2020

RISE!

Sermon Notes

Greetings Friends,

The Good Life! We all define it in different ways and we all want it in one way or another. Peter probably thought he had achieved it in last week's Gospel lesson when Jesus praised him and gave him the keys to the kingdom. But in this week's Gospel, just a few verses later, it all comes crashing down when Peter finds out that he is getting in Jesus' way. Then Jesus gives us a whole new look at what it means to live the Good Life.

I am in Memphis this week. Thanks for allowing me to come to you through the gift of technology.

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 week-end. 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 30

Julie Kyseth is having knee surgery. **Rose Davis** continues her cancer treatment. **Nancy Hugo** and **Eugene Johnson** remain in hospice.

GIVING TO THE LORD

Weekly Worship Attendance: 58
August Tithes & Offerings to date: \$21,167
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
Julie Allen, Office Manager † Julie Sventek, Director - DCLC - 763-789-4030

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday, September 1

6:30 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, September 2

5:45 PM FIBER MINISTRY

6:30 PM GRIEF SHARE

6:45 PM LAY MINISTERS

Saturday, September 5

5:30 PM WORSHIP

Sunday, September 6

8:30 AM BIBLE CLASS on ZOOM

10:00 AM WORSHIP ON-SITE & ONLINE

TAKE HOME DETAILS AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX

Pick one up today!

Photos – visit the St. Matthew website (Children's Ministries tab) to view photos from the Aug. 2 Family Event! Photo credits: Mary Nehring

Finances - VBS/Family Event: 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-19 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

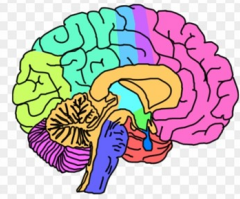
Good News: once we reach that goal, a much smaller dollar amount will be needed next year because most of the VBS non-perishable purchases have already been made and are just waiting to be used in 2021!

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: The following positions are available where you may consider using your gifts and talents. Contact Brenda for further details:

- Wednesday Gym Supervisors (4:30-5:30, 6:00-7:00 and/or 7:00-8:00) - Shifts may change depending on need/availability. I need two adults supervising per shift. Starts Sept. 16.
- Wednesday 'Hand in Hand' ASSISTANT – Assist Teresa A. with the class of Kindergarten-4th graders from 4:30-5:30 (new time!). Starts Sept. 16.
- Leader/Teacher of the 'Little Lambs' class - Sunday mornings, 9:00-9:45 This class is for children from birth to age 3 (by Sept. 1), and their parents. Starts Sept. 20.

Thank you to all who donated school supplies for the recent Columbia Heights Police Department back pack and school supply giveaway. Over 300 backpacks were handed out, supplies were collected for SACA, and free pizza was enjoyed by many families. Thank you for your efforts in blessing our community!



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.



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.