

Sermon Notes

**ST. MATTHEW**



July 3 & 4, 2021

Reset Refresh Renew

Greetings Friends,

Happy Independence Day weekend to all of you. This is a great time to thank God for the gifts of grace that are ours as citizens of this nation. French writer Alexis de Tocqueville, after visiting America in 1831, said, *"I sought for the greatness of the United States in her commodious harbors, her ample rivers, her fertile fields, and boundless forests--and it was not there. I sought for it in her rich mines, her vast world commerce, her public school system, and in her institutions of higher learning--and it was not there. I looked for it in her democratic Congress and her matchless Constitution--and it was not there. Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because America is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great!"* God has called us to make that difference in our community and our country.

I am on vacation this weekend with my family. Thanks to Pastor Brutlag for bringing us the Good News today!

Grace and Peace and alleluia!,

Pastor Bill Hugo

***GIVING TO THE LORD***

Weekly Worship Attendance: 100

June Tithes & Offerings to date: \$24,834

June Budgeted Offerings: \$28,885

**Quarterly giving statements are available upon request. Please contact the church office if you would like one.**

**WORSHIP NOTES:** Sunday=Thank you to Andrew Wagner, trumpet, and to vocalists Mary Nehring and Sydney Naber for their music leadership, as well as to all other worship assistants for their leadership throughout the weekend. To God be the glory!

**Prayers for the Week of July 4**

**Les Linggren** entered heaven last Friday. His funeral will be this Thursday at 11:00. **Addie Boe's** husband Phillip has entered hospice.

Bill Hugo, Pastor † Carol Blase, Coordinator of Music  
Brenda Hugo, Coordinator of Children's Ministries † Faustina Allen, Director of Teen Ministries  
Kathy Rosenberg, Parish Nurse † Sarai Kretschman, Pastoral Care Assistant † Martin Cornes, Vicar  
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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Monday, July 5

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

### Tuesday, July 6

7:30 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY ONLINE

### Wednesday, July 7

6:45 PM LAY MINISTERS

7:00 PM TEEN MINISTRY

### Saturday, July 10

5:30 PM WORSHIP SERVICE

### Sunday, July 11

8:30 AM ADULT BIBLE CLASS on ZOOM

9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL - CHILDREN/YOUTH

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE IN PERSON & ONLINE



**Count Down!** The Read-Aloud Bible Stories series (5 Volumes, 25 stories) will be removed from the St. Matthew FB page by the end of the month. You may need to scroll down past recent posts to find the stories.

**Donations Welcome!** Columbia Heights is celebrating 100 years with a party at Huset Park on July 17. St. Matthew will be hosting a duck pond with prizes (and advertising for VBS) at this celebration. If you would like to **donate your time (11:00am-2:00pm)** please contact Brenda.



### Summer Sunday School

Through Aug. 29, 9:00-9:45 am; "The Non-Avengers: Bible Heroes Who Forgave" *\*Note: There will be no SSS on July 4*

The Non-Avenger we learned about today?  
**No SSS today.**

TAKE HOME DETAILS AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX

Pick one up today!

## ANNOUNCING...

**Children's Ministries:** (contact: [brenda.hugo@stmatthew-ch.org](mailto:brenda.hugo@stmatthew-ch.org))

### Engineer JOY as a VBS Volunteer!

Four Days: Sun., July 25 - Wed., July 28

Evening Event Time: 6:30P.M.-8:00P.M.

Contact Brenda at [brenda.hugo@stmatthew-ch.org](mailto:brenda.hugo@stmatthew-ch.org)



### Key Positions Yet to be Filled

(as of this writing - subject to change)

- 1 Crew co-leader mixed ages (w/Brad C.), grade 11-adult
- 4-6 STANDBY co-leaders mixed ages, grade 11-adult (The STANDBY co-leader folks would train in with the other crew co-leads, but may or may not have a crew, depending on registrations. Be available all 4 evenings, just in case.)
- 2 - Clean Team, (Games Station) grade 6 - adult
- 1-2 Building Security (Mon., Wed.), grade 11-adult

Other Positions it would be nice to have in place. The more the merrier!

- Wrap-Up assistant (1-2), grade 6-12
- Wrap-Up Tech (1), grade 11-adult
- Snack Team assistants (1-3), grade 6 - adult
- Games co-lead (w/ Kristen L.), Days 2-4, grade 11-adult
- Floaters (Sun., Wed.), grade 11-adult
- Optional 2<sup>nd</sup> assistant - Imagination Station, grade 6-12
- Optional Drama characters (Tues.), Peter & John, grade 9-adult

**Spread the word!** Participant registration is available via emails/St. Matthew website/St. Matthew FB page/paper forms at St. Matthew or call the church office to pre-register for VBS! **Pre-registration is strongly encouraged** because space may be limited (unless more folks come aboard as Train Crew Co-Leaders).

