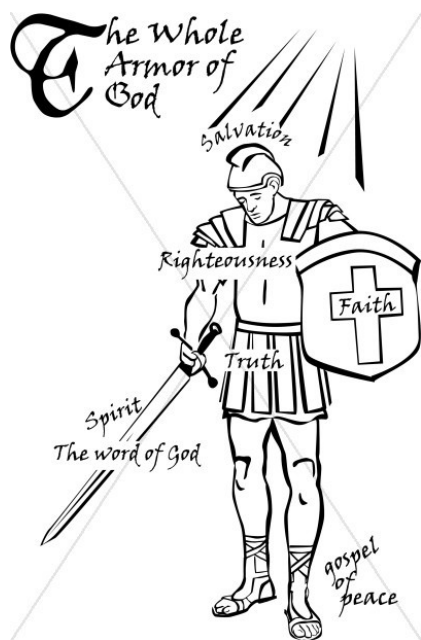


Sermon Notes



GIVING TO THE LORD

Weekly Worship Attendance: 61
August Tithes & Offerings to date: \$18,200
August Budgeted Offerings: \$36,106

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, Pastor
Julie Allen, Office Manager † Julie Sventek, Director - DCLC - 763-789-4030

ST. MATTHEW

August 28 & 29, 2021

REboot

Reset Refresh Renew

Greetings Friends,

Today's sermon may have a misleading title. "How to Dress Like a Christian." This isn't about wearing clothes with Christian slogans or throwing out your mini-skirts. Today we are talking about wearing spiritual armor.

In Ephesians 6, we read, "*Stand firm then, with the **belt of truth** buckled around your waist, with the **breastplate of righteousness** in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the **readiness that comes from the gospel of peace**. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the **shield of faith**, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the **helmet of salvation** and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God. ~Ephesians 6:14-17*

Today we want to put on our armor and learn how to use it.

Grace and Peace and alleluia!

Pastor Bill Hugo

WORSHIP NOTES: Sunday=Thanks to our hard working musicians for their additions to worship this morning: Ben Kretschman and Sean Allen, part of the piano trio presenting the prelude to the service; Aubree Allen, Cecelia Kikeh and Renata Kikeh, part of the vocal trio presenting the song of praise. We also thank our faithful music team, and all other worship assistants for their leadership throughout the weekend. To God be the glory!

Prayers for the Week of August 29

Polly Roux entered heaven this past Monday.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, August 30

4:30 PM DCLC BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, August 31

7:30 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY ONLINE

Wednesday, September 1

6:45 PM LAY MINISTERS

7:00 PM GRIEF SHARE

7:00 PM TEEN MINISTRY

Saturday, September 4

9:30 AM JOY-FILLED STAMPERS

5:30 PM WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, September 5

8:30 AM ADULT BIBLE CLASS IN PERSON & on ZOOM

9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL- CHILDREN/YOUTH

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE IN PERSON & ONLINE

TAKE HOME DETAILS AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX

Pick one up today!

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



Summer Sunday School

Through Aug. 29, 9:00-9:45 am; "The Non-Avengers: Bible Heroes Who Forgave"

The Non-Avenger we learned about today? [Final Non-Avenger lesson, DVD - Jesus' Resurrection \(from lesson on Aug. 15\)](#)

Children's Ministries - Looking Ahead

Sept. 5 - Holiday Movie Sunday - participant's choice

Sept. 12 - No Sunday School - Kick-off Day! Special outdoor worship (St. Matthew parking lot), games, on-line directory photos (see Sept. News-cene), and boxed lunch

Wednesday, Sept. 15 - start of our Wed. classes/activities/choirs

Sept. 19 - First Sunday under the new theme "Follow"

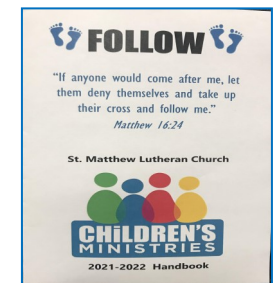
Fall Children's Ministries Staffing needs:

Sundays: Shepherd for the Sojourner class

Wednesdays: Gym supervisors, Hand in Hand leader and assistant

(Contact to discuss positions: brenda.hugo@stmatthew-ch.org, or call the office)

Watch for the new Children's Ministries Handbook, which will be mailed to families with children in grades 6 and younger, to appear in your mailboxes in early September! The handbook and enclosed schedules will also be made available on the church website. (www.stmatthew-ch.org)



NEW CHOIR SEASON begins on Wednesday, Sept. 15 with Children's Choir at 5:30 and teen/adults rehearsing at 6:00 p.m., both in the choir room. Please speak with Carol Blase (763-788-9427 or carolblase@juno.com) if you have any questions. All are invited and encouraged to attend!

KICK-OFF SERVICE for our new ministry year is Sunday, Sept. 12, 10:00 a.m. in the church parking lot. Lunch will be provided. Make plans to attend!

INTERESTED IN IMPROVING YOUR FINANCIAL WELLNESS? We are seeking six individuals and households to complete the Ramsey Solutions video and workbook course Financial Peace University (FPU). This is an in-person course and includes brief readings, workbook questions, video courses (viewed with the group), and discussion. FPU helps you and your household with budgeting, spending, saving, and eliminating debt. The course is free and previous attendees are welcomed to join in the fun as well! You will even have the chance to cut-up your credit cards during the class! Please express interest by calling or texting Doug Rosenberg @ 612-206-2983 or email douglasrosenberg@comcast.net. This invitation is to the Saint Matthew and Gloria Dei Congregations. FPU dates, times, and locations to-be-determined once we hear from YOU! Call soon so we can get going (after September 1)!

Thank you to those who sent cards after my fall. Much appreciated!
— Dorothy Smith

BACKPACK EVENT! Columbia Heights Police Department is again sponsoring a school backpack event in the parking lot behind Murzyn Hall on Thursday, Sept. 2nd. Could you help out by donating school supplies to put inside the backpacks? Please donate by Sunday, Aug. 29th, placing your items in the box in the church narthex.