

Sermon Notes

ST. MATTHEW

September 4 & 5, 2021



Greetings Friends,

Labor Day, while not a religious holiday, is a day set aside to honor the labor movement in the United States and the blessing that human labor is.

It is also a day to remember our labor for the Lord. Our labor for the Lord is:

- 1) a labor of love (I Thes 1:3)
- 2) a labor not in vain (I Cor 15:58)
- 3) a labor known by Christ (Rev 2:2)
- 4) a labor God does not forget (Heb 6:10)
- 5) a labor which is to be done together (I Cor 3:9)
- 6) a labor for eternal things (Col 1:28-9)
- 7) a labor which is to reward (I Cor 3:8),
- 8) a labor done to be accepted by Him (II Cor 5:9)
- 9) a labor which doesn't have an end (Luke 10:2).

Brenda and I made a quick trip to the farm this weekend. Thanks to Pastor Brutlag for preaching and teaching this weekend.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bill Hugo

WORSHIP NOTES: Thanks to our faithful music team members and to all other worship assistants for their leadership throughout the weekend. To God be the glory!

Prayers for the Week of September 5

Prayers for **Chuy Ramirez** and family as they grieve three deaths in two weeks. **Tammy Meinhardt** is having a heart procedure. **Glen Gunderman** (Brenda Hugo's father) is awaiting test results.

GIVING TO THE LORD

Weekly Worship Attendance: 85
August Tithes & Offerings to date: \$23,553
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
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, September 6

LABOR DAY—CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, September 7

7:30 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY ONLINE

Wednesday, September 8

6:30 PM GRIEFSHARE

7:00 PM TEEN MINISTRY

Saturday, September 11

NO WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, September 12

10:00 AM KICK-OFF WORSHIP SERVICE in the parking lot with lunch provided

KICK-OFF SERVICE for our new ministry year is next Sunday, Sept. 12, 10:00 a.m. in the church parking lot. **Bring your own lawn chairs;** 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)!

Children's Ministries – Looking Ahead

Sept. 12 – No Sunday School – Kick-off Day! Special outdoor worship, games, on-line directory photos and boxed lunch (see Sept. Newscene)

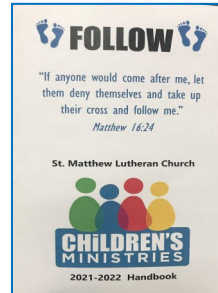
Wednesday, Sept. 15 – start of Wed. classes/activities/choirs (*heads up: \$2 Simple Suppers are on hold due to Covid. Be prepared to bring a sack lunch*)

Sept. 19 – First Sunday under the new theme “Follow”

Fall Children's Ministries Staffing needs:

Sundays: Shepherd (1) for the Sojourner class

Wednesdays: Gym supervisors (3), Hand in Hand leader (1) and assistant (1). Contact to discuss positions: brenda.hugo@stmatthew-ch.org, or call the office)



Did you get it? The new **Children's Ministries Handbooks** were mailed to families with children in grades 6 and younger this past week. If it doesn't arrive in your mailbox soon, please contact the Church office. 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!

FREE! Gently used durable medical equipment will be given away at Mano a Mano International, 925 Pierce Butler Rt., St. Paul, on Saturday, Sept. 11, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Please send specific requests to rehabequipment@manoamano.org. You can also contact Parish Nurse Kathy Rosenberg for further information.