

Sermon Notes

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 2 & 3, 2021

Greetings Friends,



There are some hard words from Jesus in our Gospel lesson today. They are about marriage and divorce. They would be easy to skip over and pretend we didn't hear. But as one of our journal verses said this week, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15). And we want the church to be a place where people can heal from the pain of divorce. And we want the church to be a place that strengthens marriages. So let's dig in and do our best and see what blessing Jesus has for us in the words about marriage and divorce.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bill Hugo

WORSHIP NOTES: Our thanks to Karrie Kikeh for her part in the piano duet prelude to the services, "Shout to the Lord". We also thank the combined choirs for their singing of the verse of the day and the response to the gospel lesson, the music team members and all other worship assistants for their leadership throughout the weekend. To God be the glory!

Prayers for the Week of October 3

We rejoice at the birth of **Juniper Autumn Blase Pontinen** to Erin Blase and Jon Pontinen. **Jean True** has moved to Crestview. **Wendy Alman** is recuperating from surgery.

GIVING TO THE LORD

Weekly Worship Attendance: 163

September Tithes & Offerings to date: \$34,090

September Budgeted Offerings: \$28,885

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

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

Tuesday, October 5

7:30 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY ONLINE

Wednesday, October 6

1:00 PM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

4:30 PM CONFIRMATION

5:30 PM BYO SUPPER

6:30 PM GRIEFSHARE

6:45 PM HAND IN HAND

6:45 PM LAY MINISTERS

7:00 PM TEEN MINISTRY

Thursday, October 7

9:30 AM FALL WOMEN'S GROUP

Saturday, October 9

5:30 PM WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, October 10

8:30 AM ADULT BIBLE CLASS **live and on ZOOM**

9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL—CHILDREN/YOUTH

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE (**online and in-person**)



Women's Fellowship

Fall's Women's Group: All women are welcome to join in for socializing, support, and sharing faith every Thursday morning at 9:30am in the Willer Room.

POLKA DINNER UPDATE: Due to the high COVID numbers again this week, we are delaying the sales of polka dinner tickets another week. Stay tuned for more news!

ON-LINE DEVOTIONALS! Short, on-line devotionals will be available Mondays thru Fridays, based on our "Follow Jesus" Bible journal verses, presented by various members and friends of St. Matthew. Tune in to the St. Matthew website (stmatthew-ch.org, "Follow Jesus" devotions) and start your mornings out with Jesus!

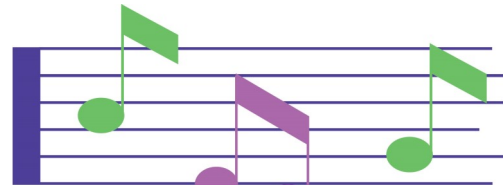
TAKE HOME DETAILS AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX

Pick one up today!

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

Volunteer in Children's Ministries! There are teaching and non-teaching roles available. Contact Brenda to talk about possibilities.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA! Rehearsals for our 2021 Christmas cantata, "Song of Joy", begin on Thursday, Oct. 14th, 7:30 p.m. in the choir room. Singers of all ages and abilities are invited and encouraged to join in this effort. The cantata will be presented the weekend of Dec. 5. Questions? See Carol today!



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REHEARSALS

SACA FUNDRAISER, \$5 Brats and (Root) Beer in the parking lot, will be on Sunday, Oct. 24th, noon (see the flyers in the narthex). If you can help with this effort, please speak with Pastor Bill, Carol Blase, or Brad Cornelius (651-343-1052) soon.

