

Sermon Notes

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 23 & 24, 2021



Greetings Friends,

In our Gospel reading today, we encounter the interesting character Blind Bartimaeus. Interesting because of his unabashed persistence and interesting because of the unique way in which Jesus dealt with his request.

We need to find ourselves in Blind Bartimaeus today. We need to approach Jesus the way he did—asking for mercy. We need to hear Jesus ask us what we want Him to do. And we need to answer Jesus with, “Teacher, let me see.”

Let’s let God open our eyes today to everything He wants us to see.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bill Hugo

WORSHIP NOTES: 10:00 a.m.=Our thanks to the Children’s Choir for their “Follow Jesus” song, to the music team, and to all other worship assistants for their leadership throughout the weekend. To God be the glory!

Prayers for the Week of October 24

GIVING TO THE LORD

Weekly Worship Attendance: 65
October Tithes & Offerings to date: \$12,822
October 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, October 25
4:30 PM DCLC BOARD

Tuesday, October 26
7:30 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY ONLINE

Wednesday, October 27
4:30 PM CONFIRMATION
5:30 PM BYO SUPPER
5:30 PM CHILDREN'S CHOIR
6:30 PM GRIEFSHARE
6:45 PM HAND IN HAND
7:00 PM TEEN MINISTRY

Thursday, October 28
9:30 AM FALL WOMEN'S GROUP
6:30 PM YOUTH/ADULT CHOIR
7:30 PM CHRISTMAS CANTATA REHEARTSAL

Saturday, October 30
5:30 PM POLKA WORSHIP SERVICE
6:30 PM BAVARIAN DINNER

Sunday, October 31
8:30 AM ADULT BIBLE CLASS **live and on ZOOM**
8:45 AM L.I.F.T. SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 AM REFORMATION FESTIVAL WORSHIP SERVICE (**online and in-person**)

Everyone is invited to join us for a **church-wide "FOLLOW" activity** on Tuesday, November 2nd from 1-3 pm and/or Sunday, November 7th from 9-9:45 am. We will be preparing cards for seniors from St. Matthew and Gloria Dei. Your help is needed to write heartfelt messages, address, and stamp the cards and pray for the recipients. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall of STM. Although we will work at safe distances, there will be plenty of fun and fellowship! Please call the church office with any questions.

ON-LINE DEVOTIONALS! Short, on-line devotionals are 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! If you'd like to be involved in this ministry, please speak with Carol Blase soon.

TAKE HOME DETAILS AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX

Pick one up today!

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



Mark your calendar for our first **L.I.F.T.** (Living In Faith Together) Sunday morning intergenerational Sunday school, on **Sunday, Oct. 31, 8:45A.M.** EVERYBODY TOGETHER in the gym!!! Super Adults, Adults, Young Adults, Teens, and Children!

TODAY! \$5 BRATS AND (ROOT) BEER in the parking lot, a fundraiser for SACA, 11:30 a.m. to around 2:00 p.m. (or when the food runs out). Join us for great food and a great cause!

POLKA SERVICE AND TO-GO BAVARIAN DINNER FUNDRAISER will be held on Saturday, Oct. 30th, 5:30 p.m. Chuck Thiel and the Jolly Ramblers Polka Band will be on hand to lead worship music. The service will be followed by a to-go Bavarian dinner, supporting our spring 2022 musical, "Bright Star". Tickets are \$10 each and need to be purchased from Carol Blase **by today**. (A minimum of 50 tickets need to be purchased to make a go of this event.) **Help is needed** in the areas of baking, cooking, serving, and clean-up. Please speak with Carol if you can assist with this dinner.



FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS will be celebrated in worship the weekend of Nov. 6-7. The names of those who have gone to be with the Lord since last All Saints Day will be read during the services. If you have a loved one whom you would like included in the reading, please submit their name to Julie Allen or Carol Blase in the church office by Nov. 3. Thank you!



The Youth are planning to go to **Bunker Hills Stables** for a fun fall outing on Sunday Nov. 7th 2:30-6pm. Youth can choose between horseback riding (\$45) or a hayride (\$10) Bonfire to follow for all.

Please let Faustina Allen know by 10/24 if you plan to attend and which activity you will be participating in.