

Sermon Notes

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 30 & 31, 2021



Greetings Friends,

Today is Reformation. We look backwards to an event that happened in Germany in 1517 when a monk named Martin Luther was used by God to unlock the Good News of Jesus.

Our Gospel lesson today talks about truth and freedom (John 8:31-32 “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”).

Today we spend some time pondering this heavenly commodity called freedom and seeking what it means for us as the church.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bill Hugo

WORSHIP NOTES: 5:30 p.m. – Special thanks to Chuck Thiel and his Jolly Ramblers for their music leadership in worship this evening. 10:00 a.m.=Our thanks to the choirs, soloist Sydney Naber and saxophonist Andrew Wagner for presenting a new setting of Luther’s hymn, “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word”; to trumpeters Will Hugo and Andrew Wagner for their leadership on our opening hymn; and to the music team and all other worship assistants for their leadership throughout the weekend. To God be the glory!

Prayers for the Week of October 31

Jane Gergen and Jeanie Honl are having knee replacement surgery.

GIVING TO THE LORD

Weekly Worship Attendance: 70
October Tithes & Offerings to date: \$18,840
October Budgeted Offerings: \$36,106

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday, November 2

7:30 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY ONLINE
1:00 PM "FOLLOW" ACTIVITY

Wednesday, November 3

1:00 PM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
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
6:45 PM LAY MINISTERS
7:00 PM TEEN MINISTRY

Thursday, November 4

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

Saturday, November 6

9:30 AM JOY-FILLED STAMPERS
5:30 PM WORSHIP SERVICE

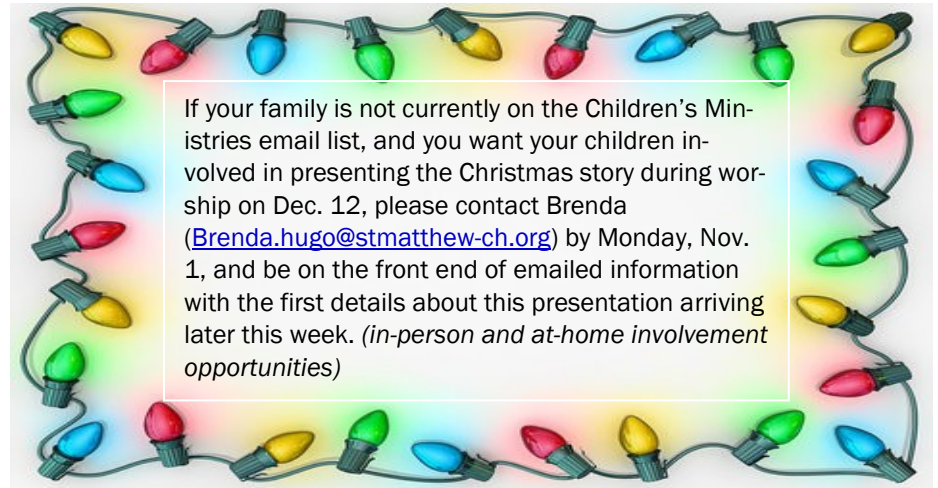
Sunday, November 7

8:30 AM ADULT BIBLE CLASS **live and on ZOOM**
9:00 AM "FOLLOW" ACTIVITY
9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL-CHILDREN/YOUTH
10:00 AM ALL SAINTS' DAY WORSHIP SERVICE
(online and in-person)
2:30 PM YOUTH FALL OUTING

TAKE HOME DETAILS AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX

Pick one up today!

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



SACA FUNDRAISER HUGE SUCCESS! The Brats and (Root) Beer fundraiser for our local food shelf garnered over \$500 last Sunday, which will end up purchasing more than 5,000 lbs. of food. Thank you to all who participated and led this event and to Thrivent for supplying the seed money to purchase groceries and supplies.

FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS will be celebrated in worship next weekend, 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 Wednesday. 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 contact Faustina Allen.

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.



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