

Sermon Notes

ST. MATTHEW

January 8 & 9, 2022



Greetings Friends,

Today let's talk about motives. What moves you? Why do you do what you do? There are a world of motives out there. Success, money, fame, influence, power, reputation.

Motives can be hard to discern. Is someone being nice to you simply out of love or is there a hidden agenda? We easily become skeptical of people's motives.

But some motives are easy to discern. Look at our Gospel lesson today. Herod has his motives. The Magi had theirs and God had His. Where are we going to find our motives?

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bill Hugo

WORSHIP NOTES: Today, we celebrate not only the revelation of Christ to the Gentile Wise Men (Epiphany), but also Christ's and our own baptisms, as we revel in the lifelong promises the triune God gives us in this sacrament. The choirs will comment on these and other Epiphany events in their anthem. Our thanks to the choirs, and to all worship assistants for their leadership throughout the weekend. To God be the glory!

Prayers for the Week of January 9

Today we pray for **Dorothy Smith** at the death of her brother, Donald Winters, and for **Mike and Megan (Breit) Goodwin** at the death of Mike's mother, Colleen Goodwin.

GIVING TO THE LORD

Weekly Worship Attendance: 46
January Tithes & Offerings to date: \$3,231
January Budgeted Offerings: \$37,654

Bill Hugo, Pastor † Carol Blase, Coordinator of Music
Brenda Hugo, Coordinator of Children's Ministries † Faustina Allen, Director of Teen Ministries
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday, January 11

7:30 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY ONLINE

Wednesday, January 12

1:00 PM BEFRIENDERS

4:30 PM CONFIRMATION

5:30 PM BYO SUPPER

5:30 PM CHILDREN'S CHOIR

6:00 PM YOUTH /ADULT CHOIR

6:30 PM BEFRIENDERS

6:45 PM HAND IN HAND

7:00 PM TEEN MINISTRY

7:00 PM "BRIGHT STAR" AUDITIONS

Thursday, January 13

9:30 PM WOMEN'S GROUP

Saturday, January 15

1:00 PM THE CHOSEN S2 E3&4

5:30 PM WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, January 16

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*)

11:30 AM GRIEFSHARE

12:00 PM "BRIGHT STAR" AUDITIONS

CHURCH UNDECORATING takes place today (Sunday), immediately after worship. Plan to stay and the job will get done quickly and efficiently!

AUDITIONS for our 2022 spring musical, "Bright Star" start today (Sunday) at noon. See the enclosed flyer for audition information. Also, please visit the St. Matthew Community Theater Facebook page for more details about audition songs, etc. You can call Carol Blase with any questions you may have (763-788-9427).

TAKE HOME DETAILS AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX

Pick one up today!

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

Come And See! - "The Chosen" Season 2 Episodes will be shown & discussed in the Fellowship Hall on four Saturdays at 1:00.

Jan. 8 – episodes 1 & 2

Jan. 15 – episodes 3 & 4

Jan. 22 – episodes 5 & 6

Jan. 29 – episodes 7 & 8

(Note: Dates might get pushed back in case of inclement weather.)

B.Y.O.P. – Bring Your Own Popcorn - or favorite snack and beverage.



If you missed the first viewing, or just prefer to watch it on your own, you can google "Angel Studios The Chosen" to find it, or download the free app (The Chosen) on your iphone or ipad. The benefit of watching 'The Chosen' at St. Matthew is the larger screen, and being able to discuss what you see.

L.I.F.T. – Mark your calendars! The next Living In Faith Together intergenerational education class will be held on Sunday, Jan. 30, 8:45A.M.

