

Sermon Notes

ST. MATTHEW

January 15 & 16, 2022



Greetings Friends,

There are 37 individual miracles of Jesus recorded in the Bible, plus all sorts of other statements in the Gospels like “they brought their sick to Jesus and he healed them.” So we don’t know exactly how many miracles Jesus performed. But there were a lot—and it’s an impressive list. Giving sight to the blind, making the paralyzed walk, curing leprosy, raising the dead, calming a raging storm. Life-changing events for the people involved. If you were the blind person or paralyzed person or leper that Jesus healed, your life would never be the same. Jesus’ miracle changed that. But what about today’s miracle? It saved a newly-married couple some embarrassment. It made the wedding party a little more fun maybe. But it doesn’t really stack up to raising the dead or making the blind see. So why start with this one? Let’s dig into it today.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bill Hugo

WORSHIP NOTES: Today, the choirs will comment on thoughts presented to us in the epistle lesson about using every gift God has given us to serve Him. Our thanks to the choirs, soloist Ben Hugo, and to all worship assistants for their leadership throughout the weekend. To God be the glory!

GIVING TO THE LORD

Weekly Worship Attendance: 58
January Tithes & Offerings to date: \$10,989
January Budgeted Offerings: \$37,654

Prayers for the Week of January 16

Pastor Brutlag is having surgery. **Tammy Meinhardt** is having a heart procedure.

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, January 17

6:30 PM FACILITIES & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 18

7:30 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY ONLINE

6:00 PM "BRIGHT STAR" CALLBACKS

Wednesday, January 19

1:00 PM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

4:30 PM CONFIRMATION

5:30 PM BYO SUPPER

5:30 PM CHILDREN'S CHOIR

6:00 PM DISCIPLESHIP VISION BOARD

6:00 PM YOUTH /ADULT CHOIR

6:45 PM HAND IN HAND

7:00 PM TEEN MINISTRY

Thursday, January 20

9:30 PM WOMEN'S GROUP

Saturday, January 22

1:00 PM THE CHOSEN S2 E5&6

5:30 PM WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, January 23

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

2:00 PM YOUTH SLEDDING

AUDITIONS for our 2022 spring musical, "Bright Star" continue today (Sunday) at noon. . 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).

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.**

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. 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.

ORDER NOW – Let Brenda know if you want a Bible study workbook for 'The Chosen,' Season 2 (Blessed are The Chosen) BEFORE Jan. 25. There will be a Bible class during Lent (time TBD). Participants are expected to view the episodes on your own (see above) before the Bible class study of the episodes.

JANUARY "FOLLOW JESUS" ACTIVITY will be on Sunday, Jan. 30th, immediately following worship, in the fellowship hall. We will be meeting to pack Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Can you purchase the following items to be packed that day?

Lightweight bath towels (dark color), bath-size bars of soap, adult toothbrushes, sturdy combs, and metal nail clippers? Homemade coffee cake, coffee, and hot chocolate will be served during our packing and fellowship time. All ages can be a part of this service activity. Contact Carol at 763-788-9427 or Julie at 763-789-4030 or Mike at 763-789-4760 if you have questions. See the blue flyers around the building for further details. Thanks in advance for participating!