

Sermon Notes

ST. MATTHEW

January 22 & 23, 2022



Greetings Friends,

Today's readings give us good opportunity to talk about "the church." Think about how we use that word. "We're going to church." "Are you having a church wedding?" "That's a beautiful church."

A usual starting point is to declare that the place where we worship is not the Church. Rather, this building is a structure in which the Church gathers for worship and praise and strength and renewal and for inspiration to become more fully what the Church is – the body of Christ.

We remember, too, that the pastor and the Discipleship Vision board are not the Church. Sunday School teachers are not the Church. Lay ministers are not the Church. The altar guild, acolytes, and lectors are not the Church. No one person, no one group, and no one activity can become the Church for us. The Church IS the body of Christ.

In today's Epistle, we received a reminder from St. Paul that all together we, the Church, are, in fact, "the body of Christ and individually members of it."

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bill Hugo

WORSHIP NOTES: Our thanks to Marilyn Lueth for sharing her keyboard talents with us, to song leaders Deb Santillo (Saturday) and Louise Roberts (Sunday), and to all worship assistants for their leadership throughout the weekend. To God be the glory!

Prayers for the Week of January 23

Pastor Brutlag is recuperating from surgery and awaiting test results. **Mary Nehring** is having surgery this week.

GIVING TO THE LORD

Weekly Worship Attendance: 49
January Tithes & Offerings to date: \$16,071
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
Kathy Rosenberg, Parish Nurse † Sarai Kretschman, Pastoral Care Assistant † Martin Cornes, Pastor
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, January 24

4:30 PM DCLC BOARD MEETING
6:00 PM FACILITIES & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 25

7:30 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY ONLINE

Wednesday, January 26

4:30 PM CONFIRMATION
5:30 PM BYO SUPPER
5:30 PM CHILDREN'S CHOIR
6:00 PM YOUTH /ADULT CHOIR
6:45 PM HAND IN HAND
7:00 PM TEEN MINISTRY

Thursday, January 27

9:30 PM WOMEN'S GROUP

Friday, January 28

6:30 PM MUSICAL PIZZA PARTY

Saturday, January 29

1:00 PM THE CHOSEN S2 E7&8
5:30 PM WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, January 30

8:30 AM ADULT BIBLE CLASS **live and on ZOOM**
8:45 AM L.I.F.T. INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE (**online and in-person**)
11:15 AM FOLLOW ACTIVITY
11:30 AM GRIEF SHARE
2:00 PM MUSICAL REHEARSAL

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 clip-pers?**

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!

TAKE HOME DETAILS AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX

Pick one up today!

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

L.I.F.T. The next **Living In Faith Together** intergenerational education class will be held next **Sunday, Jan. 30, 8:45A.M.**

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

Jan. 22 - episodes 5 & 6

Jan. 29 - episodes 7 & 8

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

If you missed the viewings, or just prefer to watch it on your own, you have options:

- Google "Angel Studios The Chosen" on your computer/laptop
- Download the FREE app (The Chosen) on your iphone or ipad
- Order the DVDs from thechosengifts.com (or christianbook.com)
- Borrow the St. Matthew set after Jan. 29.

LAST CHANCE - Order no later than Monday evening, Jan. 24. Let Brenda know if you want a **Bible study workbook** for 'The Chosen,' Season 2 (*Blessed are The Chosen*). 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 based on the Season 2 episodes. If you can help toward the purchase of the workbooks, awesome! The expected cost is approx. \$13-14 per workbook.

GOD BLESSED our audition and call back process for the spring musical with almost 60 people! The cast has been set and rehearsals will begin soon. If you'd like to help out with any aspects of putting on our 2022 musical, "Bright Star", please contact Carol Blase soon. Production dates are April 28-May 1 and May 5-8.