

Sermon Notes

ST. MATTHEW

March 5 & 6, 2022



Greetings Friends,

In the days before GPS and smartphones, whenever you started out on a journey, you looked at a road map. Today we're starting out on a journey. The lessons for the first Sunday in Lent, especially our Old Testament reading, psalm and Gospel reading, can be viewed as a roadmap for our Lenten journey. They embody the theme of journeying: travel, protection, and longing for a destination. If we look at each of them as Lenten guides, they will richly serve us through this season.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bill Hugo

WORSHIP NOTES: This weekend in worship, we observe the beginning of the season of Lent. As part of the solemnity of the season, we omit the Song of Praise following the forgiveness of sins, as well as all references to "alleluia" in song and word. 10:00 a.m.= The choir will present a text by Thomas `a Kempis, "Write Your Blessed Name", which urges us to use the Word of God to fight all manner of temptation in our daily walk through this life. We also thank the music team (10:00) and all worship assistants for their leadership throughout the weekend. To God be the glory!

Prayers for the Week of March 6

We pray for peace in the Ukraine. We pray for all first responders.

GIVING TO THE LORD

Weekly Worship Attendance: 56
February Tithes & Offerings to date: \$36,163
February Budgeted Offerings: \$30,123

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

Tuesday, March 8

7:30 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY ONLINE

Wednesday, March 9

10:00 AM WOMEN'S GROUP
12:00 PM LENTEN SERVICE
1:15 PM THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY
5:00 PM LENTEN SERVICE
6:15 PM CHILDREN'S CHOIR
7:00 PM THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, March 10

1:00 PM BEFRIENDERS
6:30 PM BEFRIENDERS
7:30 PM FESTIVAL CHOIR

Friday, March 11

6:30 PM MUSICAL REHEARSAL

Saturday, March 12

5:30 PM WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, March 13

8:15 AM YOUTH/ADULT CHOIR
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 MUSICAL REHEARSAL

Check out the Youth Supporters Wall across from the church office! The 1-100 Envelope Challenge!

St. Matthew Youth is looking for 100 people to take the challenge and support our youth. Simply take one of the envelopes labeled 1-100 located on the bulletin board across from the church office. Then pray for our youth and fill the envelope with the amount of money matching the number on the envelope. (i.e. if you take 1, put \$1. If you take 55, put \$55). All money raised goes to help support our youth attending the National Youth Gathering this summer. These events are often spiritual turning points in the lives of our students. Thank you for your continued support of our youth and youth ministries.

TAKE HOME DETAILS AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX

Pick one up today!

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



What? VBS 2022 - "Monumental"

When? Sun., July 24 - Thurs., July 28

5:00PM-8:00PM (*with meal*)

5:40PM -8:00PM (*program w/o meal*)

Where? McKenna Park (Columbia Hts.)

Who? YOU!!! Watch for volunteer lead/assistant registration forms to become available this week. This event is being led by multiple worshipping groups, so get your forms turned in as soon as possible. (*Participant registration won't happen for a couple months yet.*)

"Blessed are the Chosen" Bible studies began this past week. There are still some workbooks available if you'd like to join! Connect with Brenda on how to view 'The Chosen' series (season 2). Watch one episode per week to match the Bible study.

Bible class times: In person at 1:15pm and 7:00pm, with a zoom option at 7:00pm (*the 7:00pm in-person includes Youth Group folks*)

SOUP AND BREAD TO GO! Chicken dumpling soup will be featured this Wednesday for our to-go meal following noon and 5 pm Lenten services. Please see Carol Blase today if you'd like to help with this project. Thanks in advance for your assistance!

Please Note: The Thursday Women's Group is making a time change during Lent. The group will meet on **Wednesdays at 10 am.**