

Sermon Notes

ST. MATTHEW

April 2 & 3, 2022



Greetings Friends,

I grew up in the Bible Belt and attended a Southern Baptist High School. That sort of twisted my approach to God. At one point I almost came to feel that if something was fun, it must not be holy. This included dancing , playing cards, listening to any music other than “church music,” and the list went on. In my high school, there was a real emphasis on being holy. And it appeared to me that you got to be holy by not doing the fun stuff. At some point, I began to question what it meant to be holy and how you got there, and could it possibly include stuff that was fun. I believe Paul answers that question today in our Epistle reading from Philippians 3.

And join us Wednesday at Noon or 5:00 for the last of our Midweek Lenten series. Pastor Martin will lead us as we walk on the water with Jesus.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bill Hugo

WORSHIP NOTES: Our thanks to the music team (10:00 a.m.) and to all worship assistants for their leadership throughout the weekend. To God be the glory!

Prayers for the Week of April 3

Helen Benson has been diagnosed with a tumor on her pancreas. **Anna Herra**, mother of Carol Blase, was hospitalized.

GIVING TO THE LORD

Weekly Worship Attendance: 62
March Tithes & Offerings to date: \$26,140
March 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, April 5

7:30 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY ONLINE

Wednesday, April 6

10:00 AM WOMEN'S GROUP

12:00 PM LENTEN SERVICE

1:15 PM THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY

5:00 PM LENTEN SERVICE

6:00 PM CHILDREN'S CHOIR

6:45 PM LAY MINISTERS

7:00 PM THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, April 7

1:00 PM BEFRIENDERS

6:30 PM BEFRIENDERS

7:30 PM FESTIVAL CHOIR

Friday, April 8

6:30 PM MUSICAL REHEARSAL

Saturday, April 9

5:30 PM WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, April 10

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**)

2:00 PM MUSICAL REHEARSAL & POTLUCK

TAKE HOME DETAILS AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX

Pick one up today!

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

THANK YOU to Adahlia Eames (*Fayette*) and Will Hugo (*videographer*) for their roles in the Wednesday Lenten worship services.

Good Friday Family Event

- * When? Friday, Apr. 15 Arrive anytime between 4:00 and 5:30 to walk through 6 events of Holy Week in connection with Resurrection Eggs
- * Where? St. Matthew gym
- * Who? Geared for families with young children, but all are welcome to attend. **Flyers are available outside the worship center to take and share.**
- * Can I help prep? Come to St. Matthew on April 9 at 1:00 P.M. to help cut/paint egg cartons, and stuff/number eggs. (*Let Sarai or Brenda know you plan to come.*)

What? VBS 2022 - "Monumental"

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

5:00PM-5:25PM (*pre-event meal served*)

5:40PM -8:00PM (*program time*)

Where? McKenna Park (Col. Hghts.)

Who? YOU!!! Volunteer application forms are available via email or - paper copies are available on the narrow table across from the Welcome Desk. (*Participant registration won't happen for a couple months yet.*)



"BRIGHT STAR" UPDATE! Tickets for our upcoming spring musical productions of "Bright Star" go on sale this coming weekend! Please see Carol Blase when you are in the building, or call her (763-788-9427), or e-mail her (carolblase@juno.com) to purchase your tickets (\$10 each). Performances are Thursdays through Sundays, April 28-May1 and May 5-8.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! If you can help with any aspect of our upcoming spring musical, please speak with Carol Blase ASAP. Of particular need are ticket sellers and ushers during our eight performances (see above dates). Thanks in advance for any support you are able to give to our community theater group!

Thank you to everyone for your prayers and loving cards of encouragement at the anniversary of Gary's passing.

— Lynne Midthun

SOUP AND BREAD TO GO! Chicken wild rice soup will be featured this Wednesday for our final to-go meal following noon and 5 pm Lenten services.

Cross Wall: Thanks to all who have donated the crosses which are mounted on the front door entry walls. They demonstrate the significance of what the cross of Calvary means for believers. We have room for many more crosses and encourage you to donate one or more. Bring them to the church office at your convenience. Thank you and blessings to everyone. Thanks to Carl and Florence Molin and Will Hugo for placing the crosses.