

Sermon Notes

ST. MATTHEW

April 30 & May 1, 2022



Greetings Friends,

Today's gospel story of breakfast on the beach with Jesus is an energizing moment. We enter further into the Easter season, and the work of Easter: working out what it means to have Resurrection set loose in the world, in the church, and in our lives.

One of the oddest experiences of Easter is that it can feel empty, after the graphic realities of Holy Week: bread broken, feet washed, thorns pressed into Jesus' scalp, crosses raised, a body laid in a newly hewn grave. Easter, by contrast, is about an absence: the body is no longer in the tomb; and we are left to work out what that means.

Today's story makes it clear that some of the functions of Resurrection life are restoration of relationship, deep forgiveness and getting to work.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bill Hugo

WORSHIP NOTES: Christ is risen! HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA! Thank you to Karrie Kikeh for sharing her keyboard talents with us on Saturday evening, to the combined choirs for their anthem, "Serve On!" (Follow Jesus theme) during the 10:00 a.m. service, and to all worship assistants for their leadership throughout the weekend. To God be the glory!

Prayers for the Week of May 1

Yasie Hamann entered heaven this week. Marilyn Kirk and Pastor Brutlag are recuperating from surgery. Vic & Rachel Weisz celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on April 29th.

GIVING TO THE LORD
Weekly Worship Attendance: 121
April Tithes & Offerings to date: \$27,311
April 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
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, May 2

6:00 PM DCLC BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 3

7:30 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY ONLINE

Wednesday, May 4

11:00 AM WOMEN'S GROUP
1:00 PM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
4:30 PM CONFIRMATION
6:00 PM MUSICAL REHEARSAL
6:45 PM HAND IN HAND
6:45 PM LAY MINISTERS
7:00 PM TEEN MINISTRY

Thursday, May 5

7:00 PM "BRIGHT STAR" MUSICAL

Friday, May 6

7:00 PM "BRIGHT STAR" MUSICAL

Saturday, May 7

9:30 AM JOY-FILLED STAMPERS
5:30 PM WORSHIP SERVICE
6:00 PM LASAGNA DINNER
7:00 PM "BRIGHT STAR" MUSICAL

Sunday, May 8 MOTHER'S DAY

8:15 AM YOUTH/ADULT CHOIR
8:30 AM ADULT BIBLE CLASS (live & on ZOOM)
9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN/YOUTH
10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
2:00 PM "BRIGHT STAR" MUSICAL

"BRIGHT STAR" UPDATE! Tickets for the second weekend of our spring musical productions of "Bright Star" (including this weekend's Saturday and Sunday shows) are on sale! 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 tonight (Saturday) at 7 pm, tomorrow (Sunday) at 2 pm, and next weekend Thursday through Sunday. Please see the posters around the building for further info. Our teens are also offering a tasty lasagna dinner for the Saturday, May 7th performance, serving at 6:00 p.m. (\$10). This dinner will support their trip this summer to the National Youth Gathering. Deadline to buy those dinner tickets is Thursday.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR MEMBERS are reminded that we do not have rehearsal this week Wednesday, due to spring musical commitments.



The next L.I.F.T. education hour will take place at 8:45 A.M. on Sunday, May 22 (an intergenerational experience).

TAKE HOME DETAILS AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX

Pick one up today!

St. Matthew Altar Guild has a smaller version of the Easter gardens. If you wish to contribute for the plants, please mark "Flowers" on a plain envelope (found at the Welcome Desk) and sign your name. — Thank you!

Has your eyesight changed? Learn how to adapt: You are all encouraged to attend a Health and Wellness Event at St Matthew!

This will be on Tuesday, May 10th at 12 NOON for a light lunch, followed by an informational EYE HEALTH PRESENTATION at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a special speaker that day from VISION LOSS RESOURCES, an informational presentation to learn about eye diseases and how to cope with vision loss and resources available. **ATTENDANCE SIGN UP IS REQUIRED – REGISTER BY MAY 1 - Light lunch option begins at noon – sign up required by May 1 -CONTACT PARISH NURSE KATHY ROSENBERG - CALL OR TEXT TO 612-296-1812 OR EMAIL AT KATHY.ROSENBERG@STMATTHEW-CH.ORG**

Yardwork Service Available!

Youth attending the National Youth Gathering this summer are ready to help with your spring yard cleanup. For a suggested donation of \$50, a crew of two youth and an adult supervisor will rake, trim, clean, plant, remove anything you'd like! You'll be amazed at what can be done in 2 hours! Crews are available Saturdays, May 14 & 21 and Sunday, May 15. Please contact Karrie Kikeh at karriekikeh@gmail.com or 651-483-5113 to have a reservation request form sent to you.

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. Thanks to Carl and Florence Molin, Will Hugo and Aidan Neaderhiser for placing the crosses. We have room for many more crosses and encourage you to donate more. Bring them to the church office Thank you and blessings to everyone.

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

Help us move forward! Volunteer positions need to be filled so we can plan how to do VBS in our new setting! Check those calendars and fill out those registration forms! Thank you!

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. Hgts.)



Check the VBS info board for updated information on available volunteer positions! (or [contact Brenda.Hugo@stmatthew-ch.org](mailto:Brenda.Hugo@stmatthew-ch.org) for real time opportunities and volunteer registration forms!)

In the May Newscene, you will find VBS donation envelopes to help support this outreach opportunity. (Goal: \$3500.00 in \$25 sponsorships)