

Sermon Notes

ST. MATTHEW

May 14 & 15, 2022



Greetings Friends,

Jim Wallis of the "Sojourners" community in Washington, D.C., once wrote that the American church has a huge credibility problem. "Our Scriptures, confessions, and creeds are all very public, out in the open. Anyone can easily learn what it is supposed to mean to be a Christian. Our Bible is open to public examination; so is the church's life. That is our problem. People can read what our Scriptures say, and they can see how Christians live. The gulf between the two has created an enormous credibility gap."

Immersed in a culture that has largely given up God, the credibility of the American church is contingent upon the church's ability to produce disciples who love as Jesus loved. Jesus says that the only way others will know you're a disciple is through the extent his love has a place in all you do and say. "By this," he says, "others will know." We will dig into what this means in the sermon today.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bill Hugo

WORSHIP NOTES: Christ is risen! HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA! 10:00 a.m.= St. Matthew Singers will continue our "Follow Jesus" ministry year theme with Richard Gillard's "Servant Song". Our thanks to the choir, the music team, and all other worship assistants for their leadership throughout the weekend. To God be the glory!

Prayers for the Week of May 15

GIVING TO THE LORD

Weekly Worship Attendance: 80
May Tithes & Offerings to date: \$7,818
May 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, May 16

6:30 PM FACILITIES & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 17

7:30 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY ONLINE

Wednesday, May 18

11:00 AM WOMEN'S GROUP

1:00 PM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

6:00 PM DISCIPLESHIP VISION BOARD

6:15 PM CHILDREN'S CHOIR

6:45 PM HAND IN HAND

7:00 PM TEEN MINISTRY

Saturday, May 21

5:30 PM WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, May 22

8:15 AM YOUTH/ADULT CHOIR

8:30 AM ADULT BIBLE CLASS (live & on ZOOM)

8:45 AM L.I.F.T. SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

TAKE HOME DETAILS AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX

Pick one up today!

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

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

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? Families are encouraged to participate together!



YOU can be part of this community cooperative mission project with your prayers, with your financial support and with your hands-on volunteering. Contact Brenda for details. (brenda.hugo@stmatthew-ch.org)



Summer Sunday School is right around the corner! Let Brenda know which sessions you would like to lead.
(brenda.hugo@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.

DCLC Signs are available at the Welcome Desk. Please take one and stick it in your yard to help promote our daycare.

MANY THANKS for your support of our recent musical production of "Bright Star". We had eight wonderful performances and are thankful for the volunteers who helped with all of the behind-the-scenes work including ticket selling, ushering, and intermission treat sales, besides our great cast and crew and band. Thanks for helping us to get back on stage this year!

Thank you to Wally and Barry Davis for painting additional handicapped spaces in the parking lot.

Easter Lilies: Thank you to those who contributed for the Easter flowers. There is a table outside the Willer Room with lilies on it. If you would like one (even if you didn't contribute) please take one.