

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 21 & 22 2020

RISE!

Sermon Notes

Greetings Friends,

Well, this is different. I've been a pastor for 24 years and I think this is the first time I have ever cancelled a worship service. COVID-19 has disrupted our lives. It has brought with it death and unemployment and debilitating isolation and loneliness for many. But for a lot of us, it has only brought inconvenience—giving up restaurants or movies or malls or sporting events or corporate worship. As people of God, we accept those inconveniences for the good of all those with which we share this planet. We do it as an act of **love** because we are a people known by love. We do it in **faith** knowing that God is in the middle of this bringing blessings we can't see yet. We do it while speaking a message of **hope** to world.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bill Hugo

TODAY!

WORSHIP NOTES: Our thanks to the music team and to other worship assistants for their leadership today. To God be the glory!

REHEARSALS: There will be no Wednesday Children's Choir rehearsal this week. Festival Choir will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday. Questions? Call Carol, 763-788-9427.

ST. MATTHEW EASTER BAND is once again being formed to help lead hymns at the 8:00 & 9:30 a.m. services on Easter Sunday, April 12. One rehearsal will be held, Saturday, April 11, 10 a.m. in the balcony. Please speak with Carol Blase soon if you would like to participate so that your parts can be prepared.

Prayers for the Week of March 22

Bob and Carol Lundholm are both on the road to healing.

GIVING TO THE LORD

Weekly Worship Attendance: 93
March Tithes & Offerings to date: \$21, 637
March Budgeted Offerings: \$38,487

Bill Hugo, Pastor † Carol Blase, Coordinator of Music
Brenda Hugo, Coordinator of Children's Ministries † Faustina Allen, Director of Teen Ministries
Kathy Rosenberg and Rose Davis, Parish Nurses † Sarai Kretschman, Pastoral Care Assistant
Julie Allen, Office Manager † Julie Sventek, Director - DCLC - 763-789-4030

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 24

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY WILL NOT MEET

Thursday, March 26

9:30 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY WILL NOT MEET
Held at Community Grounds Cafe

12:30 PM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY WILL NOT MEET
Held at St. Matthew

6:30PM FESTIVAL CHOIR

Sunday, March 29

10:45 AM WORSHIP LIVESTREAMED

Vacation Bible School **Rocky Railway** (June 28-July 2)

Check out the information on the bulletin board (across from the main office door) and apply to join the volunteer train crew as we get ready to share how Jesus pulls us through life's ups and downs. (*Volunteer positions for kids finishing 5th grade – adults*)



Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study will not be meeting on Tuesday, March 24.

Women's Thursday Bible Study will not be meeting on Thursday, March 26.

CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER, originally set for March 29th, has been postponed indefinitely. Stay tuned for further information on this support for our community theater.

TAKE HOME DETAILS AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX

Pick one up today!

FOOD DONATIONS FOR SHERIDAN STORY! Our "42nd Street" cast has set a goal of 1,000 pounds of food to be collected and donated to The Sheridan Story elementary school food program during the time of our rehearsals (now thru April 29th). Can you help? Donations may be left in the office or on the table next to the choir room door. Canned fruits/ vegies/soups with pop-top lids and boxes of pasta are especially easy to donate and use. Thanks in advance for your help!



Only 8 more needed! You have an opportunity to share the love of Jesus as an actor/volunteer in the St. Matthew Good Friday family event (Apr. 10 – "*What Happened?*"). Time commitment is one hour on a Wednesday (5:45-6:45 - see below), and from about 2:30-6:00 on Good Friday. Contact Brenda or stop by the main office to see the script, and let Brenda know which role you would like!

Positions available:

Station 1 needs:

- ***1 Roaming Customs Agent** (late teen-adult, no lines to memorize), (rehearse tbd)
- ***1 Intake Customs Agent** (late teen-adult, no lines to memorize), (rehearse tbd)
- ***1 Crowd Customs Agent** (late teen-adult, no lines to memorize), (rehearse tbd)

Station 5 needs:

- ***Jesus**, (late teen-adult, one memorized line) rehearse Mar. 25

Station 6 needs:

- ***Jesus** (late teen-adult, 4 lines to memorize, 3 are super short, agile), rehearse Apr. 8
- ***1 servant/assist.** (grade 5-8), rehearse Apr. 8

Station 7 needs:

- ***adult disciples** (1-2, conversational, but no memorized lines), (rehearse tbd)

Tour Guides: Need 1 (late teens-adults, teaching role, carry script), rehearse Mar. 25