

THE CARILLON
ST MATTHEW LUTHERAN
CHURCH

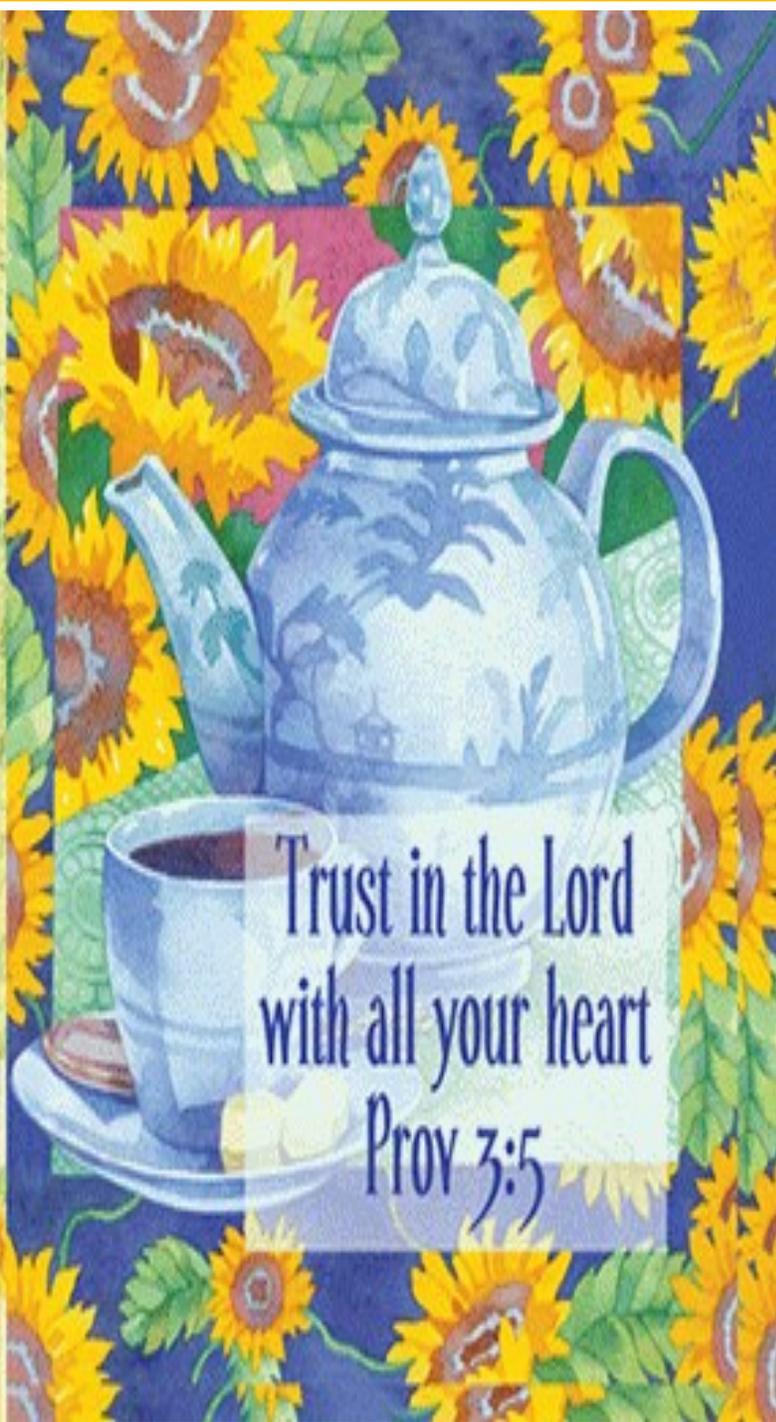
Our mission is to be...
The living evidence of the
mercies of Christ.

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Prayer for
a special Mom

Strength
to do all you can do
Faith
to trust in God
for all the rest



Trust in the Lord
with all your heart
Prov 3:5

GOING ON NOW

Confirmation Classes

This instructional course on the basic tenants of the Christian faith is made available for any child ages 11-14. If you have a child or know of a child that would like to enter into Confirmation, contact the Pastor.

Praise Team

The Praise Team rehearses on **Mondays at 6pm**, and currently provides most of the instrumental pre-service music for our Sunday services. If you have any questions regarding the Praise Team, please contact Ken Young or Dan Morrison.

Lutherans Women's Mission League (LWML)

We meets on the **First Thursday** of the month at **2:30pm**, Come contribute to Lutheran Missions Worldwide!

All women are welcome!

Altar Guild

Since the morning of Christ's resurrection, as the women approached to prepare the body of Christ for burial, ladies have gathered before the Sunday service to prepare the body of Christ for communion. If you are interested in helping with this sacred task, contact Lillian Holttum.

Free Community Dinner!

Community free dinner served every **Wednesday at 5pm**. If you are interested in joining this ministry contact our Human Care Chairman, Kay Hermann.

Choir

Practice is on **Tuesday's nights @ 7-8 PM**. Contact Rod Larson, if interested in joining.

New Member's Class

Anyone interested in becoming a new member, please contact Lynn Vernon or the church office, 360-457-4122.

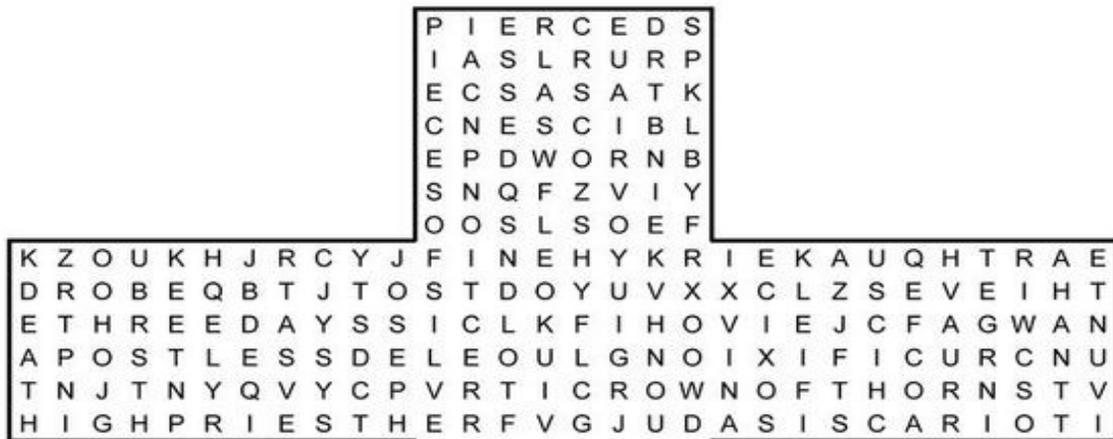
UPCOMING SERVICES

- May 1st *Third Sunday of Easter*
John 21:1-14 (15-19)
- May 8th *Fourth Sunday of Easter*
John 10:22-30
- May 15th *Fifth Sunday of Easter*
John 16:12-22
- May 22nd *Sixth Sunday of Easter*
John 16:23-33
- May 29th *Seventh Sunday of Easter*
John 17:20-26
- June 5th *The Day of Pentecost*
John 14:23-31
- June 12th *The Holy Trinity*
John 8:48-59
- June 19th *Second Sunday of Pentecost*
Luke 8:26-39
- June 26th *Third Sunday of Pentecost*
Luke 9:51-62
- July 3rd *Fourth Sunday of Pentecost*
Luke 10:1-20
- July 10th *Fifth Sunday of Pentecost*
Luke 10:25-37



May
 Sylvia Drake
 &
 Kathy
 Peterson

Easter Word Search



- ANGELS
- APOSTLES
- BETRAYAL
- BLOOD
- CALVARY
- CROSS
- CROWN OF THORNS
- CRUCIFIXION
- DARKNESS
- DEATH
- EARTHQUAKE
- EASTER
- GOLGOTHA
- HIGH PRIEST
- JESUS CHRIST
- JOSEPH
- JUDAS ISCARIOT
- KING
- LAMB

- MARY
- NAILS
- PASSOVER
- PIECES OF SILVER
- PIERCED
- PILATE
- RESURRECTION
- ROBE
- ROMANS
- SACRIFICE
- SIMON OF CYRENE
- SOLDIERS
- SON OF GOD
- SPEAR
- STONE
- TEMPLE
- THIEVES
- THREE DAYS
- TOMB



“A DROP IN THE BUCKET” FUNDRAISER

THANK YOU FOR BEING SO AWESOME!

And awesome you were, \$1,450.38 worth of awesomeness. Thanks everyone for your contributions to our fundraiser. We can now fund 2 water systems plus a few extra chickens or maybe a goat. Special thanks to all the LWML ladies who supported this project and to Rev. Jim Wilber who helped do up the congregational letters. A big thanks to Thrivent for the grant to purchase our cute little buckets.

From the bottom of my heart– Thanks.



Barb Thompson
LWML Mission Chairman

If Going to Church is Difficult

Proverbs 31 Ministries

“I was glad when they said to me,
‘Let us go into the house of the LORD.’”
Psalm 122:1 (NKJV)

There is nothing I enjoy more than attending church with my family. It's the nourishment my soul needs as I begin each week. But just to keep it real, the task of getting inside those church doors isn't always easy.

I remember, when my boys were little, our pre-church, Sunday-morning routine was both chaotic and exhausting for my husband and me. Getting ourselves ready, getting our children ready, packing up the diaper bag, buckling up car seats. By the time I entered the sanctuary, I was worn out. And like clockwork, about 20 minutes into the service, I was summoned. One of my boys usually had a meltdown and wore out one of our church's sweet volunteers with inconsolable crying for his mama – that would be me. I would then spend the rest of the Sunday service hanging out in our church lobby, sitting in the “cry room” or walking up and down the hallways of our church.

Maybe you're in that same season of having little ones, and staying home is easier than all the effort required to go to church. I understand the struggle! Or maybe it's not the kids; it's your own busy schedule, and you don't have the time or energy to make it to church. You promise yourself you'll try to catch it online ... again. I get that, too! I praise God for technology and for the online church options we have when we are sick, traveling, in a bind or in the peak of a pandemic! Oh, but there's just something special about being *in* the house of God.

In the book of 1 Samuel, a woman named Hannah spent years praying for a child. When God granted her request, Hannah knew that her little boy, Samuel, was a gift from God. So, she kept her original promise to the Lord and gave her son back to Him. Samuel literally grew up in God's house. That's where little Samuel first

learned to hear the voice of God. Spending time in the presence of God gave Samuel the opportunity to hear from God. Years later, little Samuel became the prophet Samuel who anointed David as king ... the same David who wrote, *"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the house of the LORD'"* (Psalm 122:1). It all came full circle. Hannah's faithfulness in making sure Samuel was spending time in God's house had an impact on one of the greatest kings of Israel.

And so it is with you and me. The seeds of time we sow now in going to church will reap a harvest greater than we may ever know. In our own lives and in the lives of our friends, family and children. My teenage boys no longer need my help getting ready for church, but trust me – we still have our share of Sunday-morning "Hurry up, or I'm leaving" chaos going on. **The devil is real, and he will never make going to church easy.** So whatever obstacles come our way this weekend – an unexpected last-minute diaper change, a teenager who won't stop staring at himself in the mirror, or perhaps something much deeper that's keeping us from entering those church doors – may God give each one of us the strength and direction we need to persevere and make our way to the house of God.

I believe we'll be glad we did.

Heavenly Father, we live in a day where so much competes for our time and attention. Help us to make spending time in Your house a priority so our spirits can receive the nourishment they need. And for my dear friends who have been hurt by a previous church experience, I ask that You would heal their hearts and lead them by Your Spirit to a place where they can grow in their relationship with You – a place they can call home. In Jesus' Name, Amen.





Join us
For the Love of
Plants

RESCHEDULED TO JUNE

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

How to participate:

Donate plants, seedlings, starts, advice
Help create container gardens and outdoor décor

Assist in set up and take down

Proceeds to benefit St. Matthew LWML missions and events

St Matthew School 200 Envelope Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who
has donated.

Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them for
the kingdom of heaven belongs to such a these.

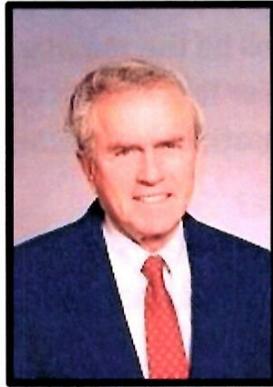
Matthew 19:14



Each envelope has a dollar amount printed on it.

Put either a check or cash of that amount into the envelope and place it in the offering plate on Sunday morning or turn into the church office. This money will help to fund the Pre-school and allow them to take care of supplies and other items for the coming school year.

DR. PAUL MAIER SEMINAR



THE GENUINE JESUS: FRESH EVIDENCE FROM HISTORY & ARCHEOLOGY

(outline of the program on the back of this flier)

Saturday May 14, 2022

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

(includes lunch)

Cost: \$15 (pre-registration before 5/7)

\$20 (at the door)

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THE GENUINE JESUS

FRESH EVIDENCE FROM HISTORY AND ARCHEOLOGY

If you are among the many who have winced at the outrageous versions of Jesus in the critical media, this may well be the seminar – and book – for which you have been waiting. Dr. Paul Maier first rounds up and skewers the skeptical inventions of Jesus based on sensationalism rather than sense.

I. **CHRIST OR CARICATURE?**

Examples of worthless sources

Reliable sources, both sacred and secular: importance of correlating the two

Evidence for earlier dating of the Gospels

II. **Nativity and Youth**

A pagan source reports Herod's killing of the babies at Bethlehem

The Vicar at Nazareth

The sites at Capernaum

III. **Teaching and Healing at Galilee**

Jesus and John the Baptist

The unteachable Twelve

The plot against Jesus

IV. **Arrest, trial and crucifixion**

Pontius Pilate and the politics behind the Crucifixion

Jerusalem – then and now

V. **Resurrection**

Jewish evidence

Greek evidence

Natural evidence

Explosion of Christianity

Q and A



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