



# St. Matthew Lutheran Church Newsletter

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## April 12<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday

Scripture Readings: Acts 10:34-43

Colossians 3:1-4

Matthew 28:1-10

## Easter Blessings To Everyone!

This is a different Easter for us. We hope everyone is staying healthy. PLEASE, PLEASE help us keep ALL our members informed. If you know someone that does not have internet or Facebook, please give that person a call to check up on them, and to let them know our church's news. Thank you for your help with this!

**WORSHIP SERVICES:** This week we recorded a Good Friday worship service and one blended Easter worship service. We will do Facebook posts to let you know when the videos will be available on our YouTube channel. The YouTube link is posted on our church's website, [www.stmatthewworthington.com](http://www.stmatthewworthington.com) under the "News" section and in our church's App. If you do not have internet access, there is an alternative in Main Street Living which airs on KDLT Sioux Falls at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays. With the latest orders from the Governor, we will be recording and providing worship services this way until May 4<sup>th</sup>. Watch our Facebook and website for updates.

**Sunday morning Bible Study:** NO Bible Study via Zoom this Sunday. Pastor Mark will resume that study on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

**The Church Office will be closed on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**St. Matthew's Social Media:** Facebook = Facebook.com/stmattworthington - Pastor Mark does several Facebook Lives during the week. Download our Church App from the App Store = St. Matthew Worthington MN *(it will be a red background with a white Missouri-Synod cross)*. We also now have a "Twitter" account.

***A big THANK YOU to those who have mailed in or dropped off their church offerings. Also, to those who have signed up for the Automatic Giving. You are a blessing!***

Consistent offerings will help keep the St. Matthew's Ministries going during this time. If you'd like more information about Automatic Giving, please contact our Church Treasurer, Tammy Brunk, 507-360-8977, or Bev in the church office.

Due to the Coronavirus situation, and the orders by our Governor, **the church will always be locked** to limit traffic in the building to keep our staff healthy. However, the Church Office will be available for calls from 9:00AM-3PM Monday through Friday, as "Religious Organizations" are on the MN Critical Business List and may work to produce and broadcast worship services and provide spiritual support. Please feel free to call with any concerns, needs, questions, etc. If you call after these hours with an emergency, please go to Bev's voicemail for the emergency contact phone number. You may call in advance to drop off your offerings.

**LWML News:** The Worthington Zone LWML Rally, scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled. Watch for information about the Fall Rally. Stay safe everyone!

**Please remember in your prayers:** Those with health concerns or for healing: *Donna Lee, Shirley Lerohl, Bill Smrcka, and all others.* Those battling cancer: *Tim Hansberger, Bing Lovan, Steve Rubis, Dennis Schaekel, and all others.* We remember in our prayers all the health care workers and emergency personnel. We also remember the family of Bob Acton, Bob passed to his heavenly home this week.

**The Voters Meeting scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup> is postponed, date to be determined!**

**Resources Available on our Website:**

- Bible Stories & Activity Sheets for your family to print out.
- A few adult coloring pages.
- "*Pandemic Hope Family Devotional*" resources.
- Recorded Worship Services

**A reminder to use the RightNow Media video library.** It's like the "Netflix of Video Bible Studies" and has a HUGE library of faith-based videos that you can access whenever and wherever you want – on your phone, iPad, computer or at home on your TV. There are videos for everyone – kids, youth, parents, married couples, college students, single adults, working professionals – all aimed at helping you grow. If you did not sign up when we first launched our RightNow Media subscription awhile back, please contact Bev in the church office and she can send you a new invite. We pray that RightNow Media will be a blessing for you and your family!

**From our Music & Worship Ministry:** *"O sing hallelujah, our hope springs eternal. O sing hallelujah, Now and ever we confess, Christ our hope in life and death."* Keith & Kristyn Getty Blessings to all of you as we praise our risen Lord and Savior! Christian music and hymn writers Keith and Kristyn Getty have teamed together with other Christian artists to compose a new song for Easter, "Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death". The Gettys are known for writing songs that are both hymn-like and contemporary. Most of you are probably familiar with their song, "In Christ Alone". The link below will take you to the audio of their latest song, as well as an article about the writing of it. I pray this music will bless you this Easter and in the days ahead. **Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!** [Hear the Story Behind Getty's "Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"](#)

**From Roxie Leckband:** 1) Confirmation students in 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> grades, the worship services are available on YouTube and therefore, **sermon notes are still an expectation.** You may download the sermon notes form from our church website. Please complete sermon notes and email them to Roxie at [stmatthumancare@gmail.com](mailto:stmatthumancare@gmail.com). 2) Our Health Ministry is able to assist with deliveries of medications/medical supplies and groceries for those that are at a great risk due to Covid-19 (*those over 70 or physically compromised or those with underlying or pulmonary diseases*) Monday-Wednesday from 10AM-Noon within Worthington city limits. If outside city limits, please contact Roxie.

**From Jenna Bents:** High School students are encouraged to attend the weekly ZOOM meetings on Mondays at 3PM and Wednesdays at 5PM. Jenna has been sending out weekly links for these sessions. **Butter Braid pick-up is Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 3-5PM at church.** Students are asked to pick-up their orders and deliver to the families they sold to. If you ordered on the church sign-up sheet, you can pick-up during that time or contact Jenna for personal delivery.

Remember we are here for you! Don't hesitate to contact us.

**Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" John 11:25-26**