



St. Matthew Lutheran Church Newsletter

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April 5th – Palm Sunday

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 21:7-11

Greetings St. Matthew's Members:

We hope everyone is staying healthy. Were able to WORSHIP IN YOUR HOMES by watching the YouTube video last Sunday and Wednesday? This Sunday we will have one blended Palm Sunday worship service available on YouTube. The YouTube link is posted on our church's website, 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 anticipate that we will be recording and providing worship services that way for the next few weeks. Watch our Facebook and website for updates. **PLEASE, PLEASE help us to 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!

Sunday morning Bible Study: Pastor Mark will be doing a Bible Study on Sundays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. via the "Zoom" App. The study is limited to the first 100 that join on through this Zoom link, <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/946243647?pwd=aEVFVGVFYmNHczZ3dzlBd29lZ0w5UT09>. You can also access this link from our church's App and website. Please contact us with questions.

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.

Due to the fluid situation, and the latest 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/tithes at the church or mail it to us. This will help us to keep St. Matthew's Ministries going. If you'd like information about the Automatic Giving, please contact Tammy Brunk, 507-360-8977 or Bev in the church office.

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, Herb Mueller, Steve Rubis, Dennis Schaeckel, and all others.* We remember in our prayers all the health care workers and emergency personnel. We also remember the family of Donna Bruns in our prayers, as Donna has passed to her heavenly home.

The Voters Meeting scheduled for April 26th is postponed to a future date, yet to be determined!

Resources Available on our Website: We have uploaded several **Bible Stories & Activity Sheets** for your family to print out and use. Maybe do these on Sunday mornings, like Sunday School! They are posted in the "News" section of our website. There are also a few adult coloring pages. Have you looked at the "Pandemic Hope Family Devotional" resources available also? This includes a daily Bible reading and suggested activities.

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: "Hosanna, loud Hosanna, the little children sang; Through pillared court and temple, The lovely anthem rang" (LSB 443 vs. 1). Our 3rd-8th grade students had been practicing the following song to share with you this Palm Sunday. When this song was chosen, I had no idea just how timely these lyrics would be. I'm sharing them with you here, and you might want to listen to the song online as well. God's Blessings to all of you as we continue our Lenten journey, Lorenda Glade.

"Hosanna" (Praise is Rising) (Brenton Brown, Paul Baloche): "Praise is rising. Eyes are turning to You. We turn to You. Hope is stirring, Hearts are yearning for You. We long for You. 'Cause when we see You we find strength to face the day. In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away. Hosanna, hosanna. You are the God who saves us, Worthy of all our praises. Hosanna, hosanna. Come have Your way among us. We welcome You here Lord Jesus." Copyright 2005 Thankyou Music; Used by permission. CCLI License #1546316

From Roxie Leckband: 1) Confirmation students in 5th, 6th, and 7th 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 then email them to me at 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 me.

From Jenna Bents: High School students are encouraged to meet online for Zoom every week on Monday afternoons at 3PM and Wednesdays at 5PM with me. These sessions will be about 45 minutes long. Monday is a time to share, talk, and hear a devotion. Wednesday will be a modified version of our normal youth group. Come online to be encouraged, support each other, and spend time in fellowship! I will be sending out the weekly link to students via text. Please let me know if your child has not been receiving them. Blessings to you and your families during this time!

Butter Braid pick-up has now been changed to **Wednesday, April 15th** due to the governor's restrictions. We will inform you if this changes again. **Students will deliver to those who have ordered.** Stay tuned for more information and details.

In closing, everyone please practice "social distancing" and remain healthy. Remember we are here for you! Don't hesitate to contact us.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9