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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



As the Olympics dominate much of the news, I encourage you to consider what it means to be an athlete. We talk a lot about being God's children, how God loves and cares for us, and how God trains us in His will and ways. But St Paul in his letter to the Corinthians compares us as God's children to the lives of athletes. In 1 Corinthians chapter 9, we read, "I myself as one exercising self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified." - 1 Cor. 9:25-27

St Paul encourages us to exercise self control like an athlete. Athletes train rigorously. Listening to one person explain their training routine for swim activities, there was what they called "dry training" working on training the body in strength and endurance, and then there was the actual water training where they would work on swimming and technique. I almost wonder if there was an olympic competition going on as St Paul wrote this letter to the Corinthians, encouraging them to consider the effort the athletes put in to their training.

We as God's athletes ought to put this same level of discipline, self-control, and effort into living our lives for Him. St Paul tells us we should train our bodies in the same way. We strengthen our faith that we might resist temptation when it comes our way. We strengthen our self control that we might do the things we know we should even as we avoid the things we know we shouldn't do.

St Paul talks even of himself when it comes to the discipline and training that we ought to go through in our Christian lives. His concern is that though he is an adamant preacher of the gospel, he might lose out due to the ever present pull of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature. So St Paul stays vigilantly on guard.

But what does this training look like? How can we train ourselves in this way. Often training starts with the fuel we take in. Athletes often have rather specific diets to ensure that they are getting the nutrition they need in order to compete at their best. And we are no different. As God's children we ought to watch what we take in. We should make sure that we are being fed appropriately. St Peter addresses this in 1 Peter chapter 2:

"Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation." - 1 Pet. 2:2

The psalmist recognized how important what we take in is to our lives as God's children as well. In Psalm 101 we hear, "I will not set before my eyes anything that is worthless." - Ps. 101:3a We need the proper fuel to be able to live our lives as God's athletes competing and resisting sin in our everyday lives.

Finally, the writer of Hebrews encourages us to endure. Hebrews 12 is a passage I'm sure many a runner keeps in mind as they train and work up toward their longer distance runs. There we hear,

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us," - Heb. 12:1

Run with endurance. This is our call as God's athletes. That we would endure to the end. As the road we travel through life gets long, we endure, not because we are perfect athletes but because God Himself gives us the strength to endure. Jesus promised us that he would never leave us nor forsake us. And even gives us the promised Holy Spirit that we might endure. So this month as you enjoy watching the Olympians compete remember that you too are God's athlete.

In Christ,

Pastor Nathan Peitsch

Green, comes next in the acronym and is by far the most common color seen during the year. *Lutheran Service Book* calls for its use during the seasons of Epiphany and Pentecost. The first Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox (March 21), also known as Easter Sunday, determines the length of these two seasons. The days of Epiphany may entail a total of, but not more than, eight Sundays. The season of Pentecost, on the other hand, can last from 22 to 28 Sundays. Green is the appointed color for all but a few of the Sundays during these seasons. Consequently, green may be used an average of six to eight months of any given liturgical year!

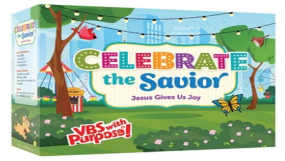
	Aug. 25 (Prop. 16)	Eleventh S. a. Pentecost	Ex. 16:2–15	Psalm 145:10–21	Eph. 4:1– 16	John 6:22–35
Month of July	Aug. 11 (Prop. 14)	Twelfth S. a. Pentecost	1 Kings 19:1–8	Psalm 34:1–8	Eph. 4:17 —5:2	John 6:35–51
Kristi Dale Lin Scott	Aug. 18 (Prop. 15)	Thirteenth S. a. Pentecost	1 Kings 19:1–10 Josh. 24:1– 2a, 14–18	Psalm 34:12– 22	Eph. 5:6– 21	John 6:51–69
Janeal Holmes	Aug. 25 (Prop. 16)	Fourteenth S. a. Pentecost	Isa. 29:11–19	Psalm 14	Eph. 5:22– 23	Mark 7:1–13
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God’s Little House

God’s Little has been a community-sponsored residence. We are revitalizing the steering committee that works behind the scenes to make this a welcoming place for people who need a safe place to stay on a temporary basis. We will meet about once a quarter and Lin Scott will serve as a representative from St. Matthew. The Board of Directors has approved \$25.00 a month to God’s Little House.

VBS 2024



Marla Hogan and Dawn Paulsen This year VBS was held July 23-25th. We had 39-42 children in attendance. Our theme this year was "Celebrate The Savior". The Bible stories that we went over were Wise Man Worship Jesus, Jesus heals a Man Lowered through a Roof, and Jesus on the Road to Emmaus. The children enjoyed acting out these stories. We had 26 people helping us. Thanks to all that helped. Fun was had by all!



MISSIONARIES COMING TO MISSION CENTRAL IN AUGUST



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Barb Rebentisch

Taiwan

Saturday, August 3, 2024

1 PM



Tom Park

Taiwan

Saturday, August 3, 2024

1:30 PM

Justin Logston and Family

Belize

Saturday, August 10, 2024

1 PM



Rev. Charles St. Onge and Family

Montreal, Canada

Saturday, August 17, 2024

1 PM

Ashley Lehr

Puerto Rico

Saturday, August 31, 2024

1 PM



Tirzah Krey

Dominican Republic & Latin America

Saturday, August 31, 2024

1 PM

Stewardship Board

We are working on a NEW Mission Project for 2024-2025 We are starting a mission project to raise a goal of \$500.00. We are getting a slow start for our project that will end in September of this year with our mission Festival on Sept 29th. We are asking for suggestions from the congregation for supporting a missionary/mission. Our mission month will be on our screens and on our calendar. It is our hope and prayer that this will continue every year, and hopefully we can raise our goal each year. They will be able to use their mission envelopes out of their envelope box. The projected months will be Jan-Mar-Apr-Jul-Sep. then will be added up and used on our mission festival Sunday. The congregation will be kept up to date on our goal and how far we are throughout the year.

Mission Festival

Sept. 29th

Our mission Festival is coming up very soon. It will be September 29th. We will have a guest speaker do our service. There will be a brunch to follow down stairs. All are welcome to coming and enjoy food and fellowship.



St. Matthew is hosting the Triumphant Sound Quartet on August 11, at 4pm. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the music. You may give a free will donation and that will be given to the singing group. This Quartet is awesome, singing Christian music.

St. John Lutheran Church in Charter Oak is hosting a Christian concert featuring Dave Anderson and Roger Walck on Thursday, August 15, at 7:00 p.m. Dave began singing with his wife Barb in 1974, and they have presented 5,250 concerts all over the world. Roger is a vocalist and guitarist who formerly worked in youth ministry. They will be presenting a concert of original songs, hymns, Sunday School sing-a-longs, and contemporary worship songs. A "meet-and-greet" with light refreshments will be held before the concert at 6:15. Admission is free. A free-will offering will be taken to support Shepherd's Canyon Retreat, a retreat center in Arizona for church workers experiencing stressful situations in ministry.

RALLY DAY

Rally Day and "Pack the Church Sunday" will be September 8th. This will also be the first day of Sunday School. At the end of church service, there will be an announcement about it being the first day of Sunday School and inviting everyone downstairs for cinnamon rolls, coffee cakes, coffee and juice. We will have a short Sunday School class in the Fireside Room. We will have an awesome time!

Root Beer Float Update

A couple of six volunteers sold root beer floats in the park at Mapleton 4th of July celebration. We sold about 70 floats making about \$250.00. Thanks for all who helped and bought. God Bless.



WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS PLEASE

THANK YOU to all of our Uber drivers that are presently driving and stepping up to give their time and efforts to do this for St. Matthew and for Pastor Peitsch.

PICKUP TIME ON SUNDAY IS AT 8 AM AND TAKE HOME.

Tuesdays time is 8 am. **(REMAIN THE SAME FOR NOW)**
Unless otherwise stated or notified. Thank you. Questions call the church. OR contact **Marilyn Hamann 712-870-1947**

RECIPE FOR AUGUST

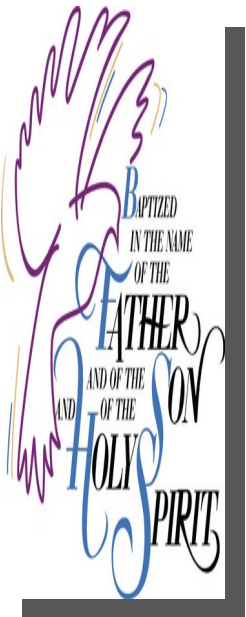
Combine the sugar, nuts, cinnamon, and melted butter; sprinkle over the top. Bake 40 to 50 minutes.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. In a medium bowl mix the flour, soda, and salt, and set aside. In a large mixing bowl, cream together the shortening or butter and the brown sugar, and beat until fluffy. Beat in the egg. Beat in the flour and sour cream alternately until blended. Mix in the vanilla extract and the rhubarb, and spread the batter in a greased and floured 9x13-inch baking pan.

- 2 cups flour
- 2 cups baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup shortening or butter, softened
- 1 egg
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2-1/2 cups fresh rhubarb, cut in chunks
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon butter, melted

Rhubarb Coffee Cake
Yield: Serves 12.

Wanda	Andre	1949-08-29
Jessica	Brodersen	1984-08-05
James	Brodersen	1939-08-28
Presley	Bruhn	2009-08-03
Donovan	Buss	1976-08-27
Michael	Carley	1959-08-07
Cathy	Dose	1960-08-17
Steve	Dose	1956-08-28
Shelly	Frahm	1965-08-15
Joseph	Hogan	1961-08-16
Sheldon	Jacobson	1954-08-13
Deborah	Jensen	1970-08-21
Cindy	Jochims	1954-08-25
Peggy	Ketelsen	1952-08-09
Kenneth	Krueger	1947-08-16
Brenda	Kuhlmann	1965-08-06
Linda	Means	1963-08-11
Kelly	Nevins	1971-08-06
Matthew	Paulsen	1985-08-25
Henry	Riesberg	2015-08-17
Bryan	Scheer	1984-08-11
Darrin	Skow	1971-08-22
Colleen	Sperry	1957-08-10
John	Stoll	1947-08-01
Steven	Stoll	1968-08-15
Brent	Streck	1974-08-12
Alisha	WEBER	1985-08-21
Roxie	Wray	1958-08-20
Kohen	Wunschel	2021-08-01
John	Fick	91 1932-08-17
Barbara	Lyon	80 1943-08-04
Gary	Thies	81 1942-08-28



Betsy	Brodersen	2005-08-28
Kaylee	Brodersen	2005-08-28
Jeffrey	Creswell	1960-08-14
Kristi	Dale	1961-08-06
Kaye	Flanigan	1990-08-12
Brittney	Gray	1987-08-02
Marilyn	Hamann	1945-08-12
Marla	Hogan	1960-08-07
Kay	Ingram	1939-08-20
Brad	Jochims	1974-08-17
JILL	Madson	1987-08-30
Donna	Mau	1945-08-12
Dennis	Namanny	1944-08-15
Frank	Negless	1987-08-09
Kelly	Nevins	Aug, 1971
Matthew	Paulsen	1990-08-18
Nate	Paulsen	1990-08-18
Stacy	Pithan	1983-08-21
Jeannette	Riesberg	1957-08-11
Harold	Riesberg	1985-08-04
Travis		
Austin	Schauer	1987-08-09
Bryan	Scheer	1984-08-26
Marley	Scott	2008-08-10
Karla	Uhl	1962-08-12
Cassidy	Walker	1993-08-14
Dora	Witzel	1944-08-06



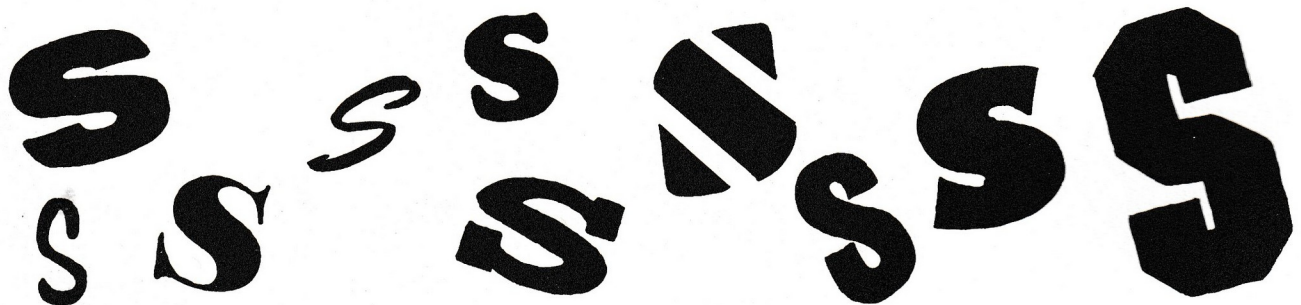
Brian & Brenda	Brown	1984-08-04
Dan & Pam	Kovarna	1971-08-28
Dennis & Melinda	Namanny	1982-08-04
Melinda	Namanny	1982-08-04
Ryan Dawn	Paulsen	1986-08-31

Answer to Trivia: Whirlwind

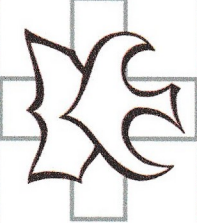
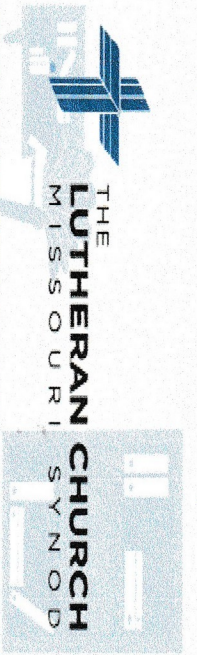
WHICH "S" IS IT?

Draw a line from the "S" name on the left to the phrase that describes the name on the right.

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|-------------|------------------------------------------|
| 1. Shadrach | A. Leah's son (Genesis 29:32,33) |
| 2. Seth | B. Child of Jokshan (Genesis 25:3) |
| 3. Samson | C. Noah's son (Genesis 5:32) |
| 4. Solomon | D. Daniel's friend (Daniel 1:7) |
| 5. Shem | E. Jesus' brother (Matthew 13:55) |
| 6. Simeon | F. Canaan's firstborn (Genesis 10:15) |
| 7. Samuel | G. Adam's son (Genesis 4:25) |
| 8. Sarah | H. Isaac's mother (Genesis 21:3) |
| 9. Saul | I. Manoah's strong son (Judges 13:22-24) |
| 10. Sheba | J. Paul's companion (Acts 15:22) |
| 11. Sidon | K. David's son (II Samuel 12:24) |
| 12. Silas | L. Kish's son (I Samuel 9:1,2) |
| 13. Simon | M. Hannah's son (I Samuel 1:20) |



AUGUST 2024 ST MATTHEW CALENDAR

SUN: Pick up 8am Take home after service	MON	TUES: Pick up 8am Take home: 3:30 pm	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
ALTAR GUILD Kristi Dale Lin Scott Janeal Holmes Aug. 4-25 Pentecost						
4 11th Sun. a Pentecost service 9am Elder: Russ Wray Reader: Russ Wray Screens: Mark Witzel Bible Cl. after services	5	6 Rev. N. Peitsch in office 8:30 am to 3:30 pm Uber: Joan Chandler	7 Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm	8	9 Pastors Family Day	10
11 12th Sun. a Pentecost service 9am w/HC Uber: Jeff Krusen Elder: Mark Witzel Reader: Joe Hogan Screens: Dennis Muckey Bible Cl. after services Triumphant Sound Quartet 4pm	12 Cleaning Day at church 9 -11 am	13 Rev. N. Peitsch in office 12N to 3:30 pm Win- kle Conference	14 Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm	15	16 Pastors Family Day	17
18 13th Sun. a Pentecost service 9am Elder: Ryan Paulsen Reader: Ryan Paulsen Screens: Joe Hogan Bible Cl. after services LWML bring mite boxes next Sunday	19	20 Rev. N. Peitsch in office 8:30 am to 3:30 pm Uber: Kris Dale In the Word 10 am Board of Elders 7pm Uber: Mark Witzel	21 Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm	22	23 Pastors Family Day	24:
25 14th Sun. a Pentecost service 9am w/HC Uber: Mark Greiner Elder: Mark Greiner Reader: Sarah Schmidt Screens: Mark Witzel Bible Cl. after services LWML MISSON Sunday	26	27 Rev. N. Peitsch in office 8:30 am to 3:30 pm Uber: Janeal Holmes Board of Directors 6pm Uber: Mark Witzel	28 Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm	29	30 Pastors Family Day	

*The prayer of a righteous man
is powerful and effective."*



If you desire a prayer for yourself or someone else, or if you'd like to join the **Prayer Warriors**, please call, **Alice Miller** at 880-2380.

Help us keep this prayer list up to date! Call the church to add or remove people.

Members of St. Matthew with Special Needs and Concerns

Nazaria Kaderabek Selma Schrader Myrna Gosch Joyce Kruse Sue Kruse
Fred Fletcher Marlene Phillip Dora Witzel -

Family / Friends of Members with Special Needs and Concerns

Ron Kraffle (friend of Marla & Joe Hogan); **Beth Weber**, (cousin of Dean and Ramona Weber); **Tammy Tollfuson**, in 3rd stage heart failure (relative to Dean and Ramona Weber); **Suzie Jacapello**, (sister of Nazaria Kaderabek); **Tim Sanderson** (friend of Dennis Muckey); **Hiedi Zimmer**; P.O. Box 272 Early, IA 50535 (Joan Chander's daughter); **Sandy Donovan**, (Nazaria Kaderabek's mother.) **Jerri Haindfield** (daughter of Marilyn & Duane Hamann); **Annie Greiner** (sister-in-law of Mark Greiner) **Paul Lind**, (nephew of Joyce Kruse) **Kristin Webb** (friend of Sarah Schmidt)

Military

Ryan Trucke serving with U.S. Air Force at FE Warren AFB in Wyoming son of Beth & Ed Trucke, Grandson of Kay and Richard Johnson)

Please drop them a line or two, they love getting mail and they would love hearing from their church family._

Selma Schrader

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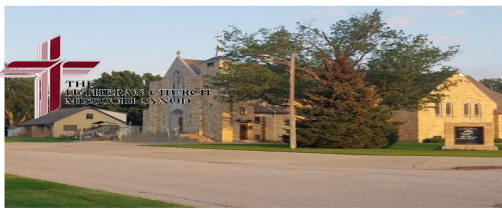
George Koithan


1 Sunrise Ave.
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Myrna Gosch

Pleasant View Care Center
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Answer to trivia: A donkey (ass)




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In His Footsteps:
 Kindness is a virtue
 given by the Lord, and
 joy is its reward. He will
 show you the way and
 you will be safe and
 secure. Show Kindness
 to others.

LET'S STAY CONNECTED OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO CONTINUE TO FILL UP WITH JESUS
 By READING AND LISTENING TO THE BIBLE **Mission Central**... www.missioncentral.us **Lutheran
 Family Service:** www.lfsiowa.org **WEB SITES:** Iowa District West—www.idwlcms.org Camp
 Okoboji – www.campokoboji.org **“THY STRONG WORD”** is a daily devotion airing at 6:25 am
 Monday through Saturday on KDSN (104.9 FM) **“THE LUTHERAN HOUR”** can be heard every
 Sunday on radio station—KDSN-FM (104.9) at 6:30 am and 1530 at 10:30 am. It is available 24
 hours a day on the internet in Real Audio. Visit www.lhm.org and click on the Lutheran Hour on the
 left side of the page **“THE GOOD SHEPHEARD HOUR** airs on the following stations every
 Sunday: 8 am Fort Dodge-KVFD 1400 AM; 8 am Sioux City—KSCJ 1360 AM; 10:30 am Storm
 Lake—KAYL 101.5 FM ***Lutheran Family Services:*** www.lofsiowa.org **MainStreet Living**— is a
 Television Program that is endorsed by the Iowa West District of the LCMS This program is
 broadcast on KCAU, the ABC network affiliate in Sioux City on Sunday morning, starting at 10:00
 AM. The first 30 minutes are remastered episode of “This is the Life” The second half of the
 program is a modified Lutheran worship service that features a different Pastor each week, from the
 area.



Dear Lord, I am Your creation, and You created me for a reason. Give me the wisdom to follow Your
 direction for my life's journey. Let me do Your work here on earth by seeking Your will and living it,
 knowing that when I trust in You, Father, I am eternally blessed. Amen. T