

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Proclaiming the Love of God for All People

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THE MESSENGER

KID'S EDITION

St. Matthew's Mission Statement:
Living in Christ through faith.
Living for neighbor through love.

SUMMER 2024

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, organized in 1953, is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Sunday Worship - 11:00 am
Children's Church is part of our Sunday service

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Valerie Dyke, Erin Reigh
Nursery Attendants

Youth Commission Director
Adrienne Frame

Kid's Messenger Editor
Mary Nedde - Suggestions welcome!

BILL ANDERSON MEMORIAL FREE SUMMER CAMPS

July 9-11 Cooking Camp
3 pm-5 pm Grades: Completed K-5
Led by Chef Dustin Riddle



July 16-18 Music Camp
3 pm-5 pm Grades: Completed K-5
Led by Music Teacher Adam Frame



NEW IN 2024: July 23-25 Theater Camp
3 pm-5 pm Grades: Completed K-5
Led by Actor Garrett Hollowell



Contact Kelly Riddle for Registration:
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PENTECOST

May 19th is Pentecost Sunday. The word Pentecost comes from a Greek word meaning "50th." Pentecost Sunday is 50 days after Easter. The color for the day is red. An important symbol for the day is a flame. In the Pentecost story, flames of fire landed on people's heads without being burned. The flames represented the Holy Spirit coming into people's lives and giving them power to share the good news about Jesus in many different languages. It was also a Jewish festival day, the Feast of Harvest, celebrating the beginning of the spring wheat harvest.



This is the banner St. Matthew's will use in worship on May 19.

THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

In the church year, the season of Pentecost is the longest part of the year. This year, the Sundays of Pentecost will run from May 19 through November 24 - for a total of 27 Sundays; more than half of the year! During this time, sometimes called **the green, growing time**, we learn a lot about Jesus' ministry and what he taught his disciples.

The First Sunday after Pentecost Sunday is Trinity Sunday - we learn that God is 3 persons in 1: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. One symbol for the Trinity is here:



Other stories and themes during the Pentecost season:

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Mark 4:30-32

The Feeding of the 5,000

John 6:1-14

Living bread

John 6:32-35; John 6:48-51; John 6:56-58

PENTECOST ACTIVITIES

When the flames landed on people's heads at Pentecost, there was a big rush of wind. These are activities you can do with wind:

Fly a kite.



Attach long strips (at least two feet) of red, orange and yellow crepe paper or ribbon to wood dowels and wave them through the air. If it's a windy day, attach a lot of them to a clothesline or a house flag-pole outside and watch them blow in the wind.

Blow bubbles.



People who had flames on their heads on Pentecost could speak in different languages. Learn to say "hello" in different ways:

HOLA - Spanish

KONNICHIWA - Japanese

SHALOM - Hebrew

GUTEN TAG - German

OI (oy) - Portuguese

HELO - Welsh

SALAAM - Arabic

KEDO - Igbo, Nigerian

KUMUSTA - Filipino

GOD DAG or HEJ (hey) - Swedish

BONJOUR - French

CIAO - Italian

CHILDREN'S PRAYER



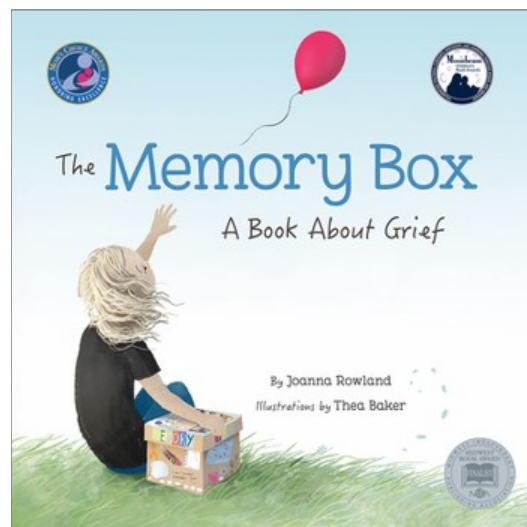
Dear God: Thank you for giving me and my friends some time away from school during the summer. For everyone who is going on vacation, keep them safe. Help me to be kind to my friends and to be helpful to my parents, and let me learn new things even though I am not in school. Please be with me and my family every day. Amen.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Spring Sings for The Grouchy Ladybug by Eric Carle; for ages 2-6
Released in 2023, this book celebrates the new life we see during spring. Everyone is joyous, even the Grouchy Ladybug! In the book, you will find Eric Carle's bright multi-colored illustrations that he is known for.

The Memory Box - A Book About Grief by Joanna Rowland; for ages 2- 8, but is actually for everyone. Memory Boxes can be made by anyone, any age, who wishes to remember someone. Mary Lindberg, an ELCA pastor, provides suggestions for helping children process grief.

NOTE: Memory boxes can be made for anything special you want to remember: first year of school, hobbies, participation in sports, musical talents, etc.



Photos from Easter and the Good Shepherd Petting Zoo



Coloring Page

