

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 2026

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
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Children's Sunday School 10:45 am

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Mary Nedde
Suggestions are welcome!

BILL ANDERSON MEMORIAL FREE SUMMER DAY CAMPS



July 7-9 Cooking Camp 3:00-5:00 pm
Led by Chef Dustin Riddle

Already full, but the wait list is open.

July 14-17 Art Camp 3:00-5:00 pm
Led by local artist Dale Berkebile

Already full, but the wait list is open.

July 20-Aug. 24 3:00-5:00 pm
Musical Theater Camp (5 days!)
Led by St. Matthew's Director of Music and Actor Garrett Hollowell

All camps are held at St. Matthew's.
Children who have completed Grades K - 5 are welcome!

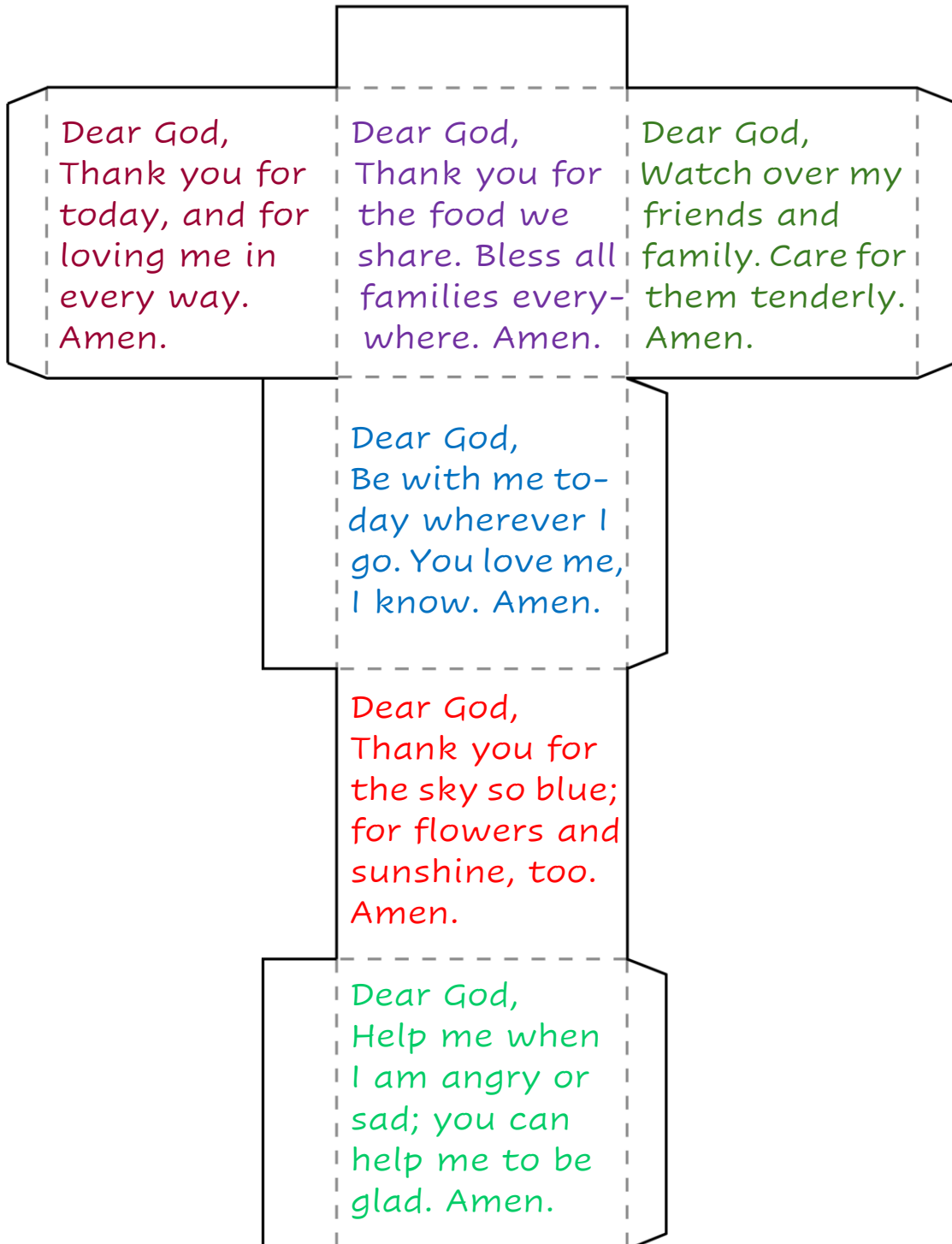
*Registration required - contact Kelly Riddle:
community@stmatthews-elca.org or 817-292-1338
In your email state your child's name, grade just completed, and which camp(s) they wish to attend.*

CHILDREN'S PRAYER CUBE

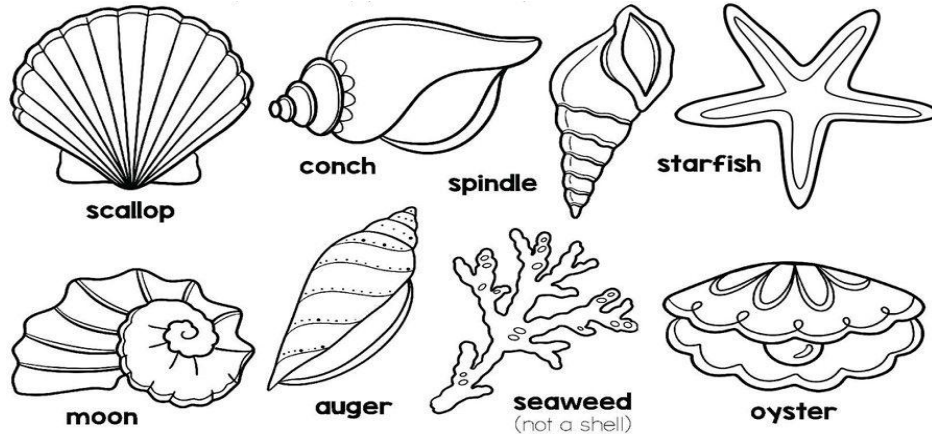
Copy this page onto cardstock and cut out the prayer cube.

Fold along the dotted lines, and tape or paste the tabs.

At mealtime or bedtime, choose one of the prayers to pray.



TYPES OF SEASHELLS – Draw a few of these shells on the beach on p. 5



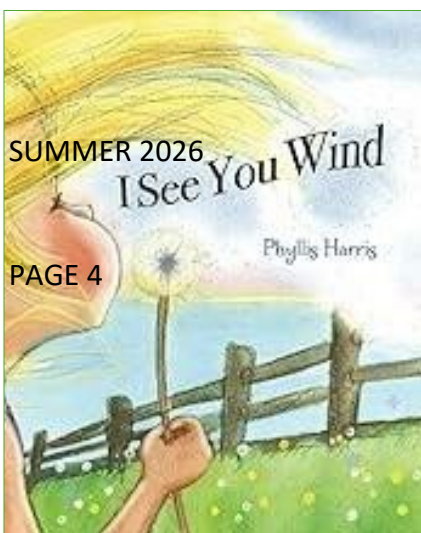
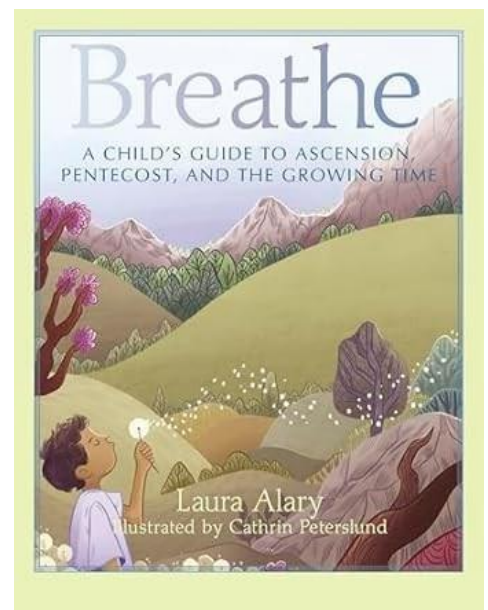
CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Breathe, A Child's Guide to Ascension, Pentecost, and the Growing Season by Laura Alary; ages 5-10

"The day of Pentecost is coming. The church is changing color. The white and gold of Easter will soon burst into flaming red, then cool to green."

So begins *Breathe: A Child's Guide to Ascension, Pentecost, and the Growing Time*. *Breathe* explores children's questions: *How can Jesus go away, yet promise to be with us always? Can we trust someone who comes and goes so mysteriously?*

Paperback; available on Amazon, published April 2021



I See You Wind by Phyllis Harris; for ages 2–8

A lyrical book that teaches children ways to "see" the wind. Journey throughout a little girl's day from sunrise to sunset on her farm by the sea as the wind entertains her, soothes her, and sometimes frightens her.

Paperback and hardback; available on Amazon, published January 2023

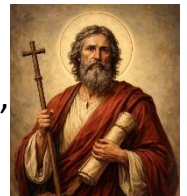
Commemorations (Celebrations) of Apostles in Summer

Apostle – a word that describes someone who was an important early Christian teacher. The 12 disciples of Jesus were apostles.

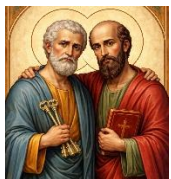
Commemoration – remembering significant events or people.

There are a number of videos on YouTube for children about each of the following apostles:

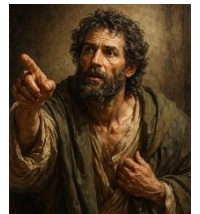
Barnabas June 11 Barnabas was not numbered among the twelve apostles, but the book of Acts gives him that title. After Paul was converted to Christianity, Barnabas welcomed him to Jerusalem, and the two traveled together on missionary journeys.



Peter and Paul June 29 Both Peter and Paul were very important for the early church. Paul, after his dramatic conversion, started many churches and wrote letters (also called epistles) that are now some of the books of the New Testament in the Bible. Peter was a leader for the Christians in Jerusalem.



Thomas July 3 We learn about Thomas in the New Testament book of John. He is the disciple that didn't believe at first that Jesus had risen from being dead. This story is written in the Gospel of John, chapter 20. He travelled as far as India, spreading the word about Jesus and the things he taught.



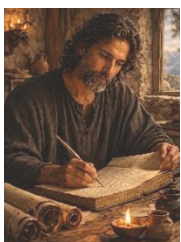
Mary Magdelene July 22 She was a close follower of Jesus. She was the first to see the empty tomb after Jesus' death, and she was the first to see him after he rose from the dead. Her experiences with Jesus made her a significant person in spreading the good news of Jesus and the power of his resurrection. Mary Magdelene is mentioned many times in the New Testament gospels.



James July 25 Referred to as the son of Zebedee, James was one of Jesus' earliest disciples. The gospel of Mark refers to James several times when he was with Jesus. His passion for sharing the gospel of Jesus indicated deep commitment to the early church. He was killed by King Herod Agrippa about the year 44.



Bartholomew August 24 Bartholomew, also known as Nathanael, is mentioned in all four gospels of the New Testament and in the Book of Acts. He was a close friend of the disciple Philip and they studied together. Many believe that he spread the gospel in the area of Persia and India.



You can purchase children's books on Amazon about many apostles, including the disciples.

Pictures are AI derived; text is derived from BibleHub.com and sundaysandseasons.com

Coloring Page
Add some seashells to the beach – see page 3 for ideas



Photos from Easter 2026



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575 eggs were snatched in 5 minutes.



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