

Worship Notes

Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission.

In our prayers Frank, Susan, Dolly, Judy and Bernice.

The Golden Hour today is sponsored in loving memory of Violet (August 25, 1988) and Ervin (October 22, 1979) Grody, by Doreen Wilkinson and family.

The Guides to Worship today are sponsored in loving memory of Henry and Caroline Fischer and George and Rose Vogt by their children Henry and Jean Fischer.

General Announcements

Dear members and friends of St. Matthews,

Due to the pandemic, all services, gatherings and meals at the church are cancelled. The office is closed to the public and the building locked 24/7. Even though the government of Ontario has allowed for churches to re-open on June 12th, the St. Matthews Board has determined it is still not safe to do so, and thus the church building will remain closed until mid-September at the earliest. A task force will be working to establish guidelines for us to reopen safely.

Our focus has shifted towards meetings online and via phone. Above all, we pray for each other and trust in God, whose mercy endures forever.

You can follow updates on our Friday email blast, website, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube, by listening to the Golden Hour on FaithFM or by contacting us or Leanne (see last page).

All God's blessings! Pastors Sebastian and Carey

Our preacher today (via the ELCIC Summer Sermon Series 2020) is Bishop Jason Zinko, who has been Bishop of the Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod since 2018.

Re-opening Survey: Please fill out the Re-opening Task Force survey by August 31. It was either emailed or mailed to you this week.

Deacon Scott will be on vacation from August 24-31. Pastor Carey is back from vacation on August 24.

Are you feeling isolated? Would you like to connect with the pastors? Pastor Carey and Sebastian continue to be available through phone conversations and zoom chats. Now that some restrictions have eased, we are considering a few porch visits starting with people who feel most isolated. If you might be interested in a porch visit please let one of the pastors know and we'll figure out a way forward. Hang in there. This is a difficult time but we'll get through it together.

Zoom service of Holy Communion, this time from the Sanctuary! Join Pastor Sebastian for a brief service of Holy Communion on the Zoom platform on Tuesday, August 25th at 7 p.m. Check the poster on the e-blast for more information.

Join our mailing list: Get the weekly order of service, announcements, the newsletter, the Annual Report and email updates on upcoming church events, reminders and service changes. Contact info@stmattskw.com today!

St. Matthews YouTube Channel: Are you missing our beautiful church and the sanctuary? A St. Matthews YouTube Channel was created to provide you with some visuals and a playback option for worship music clips and other goodies. Content will continue to be added. Check it out and subscribe to our page.

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