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*Worship for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*October 17 & 20, 2024*

**Opening Hymn: I Will Sing of My Redeemer** CW 527

**1 I will sing of my Redeemer,  
and his wondrous love to me;  
on the cruel cross he suffered,  
from the curse to set me free. (Refrain)**

**Ref Sing, O sing of my Redeemer,  
with his blood, he purchased me.  
On the cross he sealed my pardon,  
paid the debt, and made me free.**

**2 I will tell the wondrous story,  
how, my lost estate to save,  
in his boundless love and mercy,  
he the ransom freely gave. (Refrain)**

**3 I will praise my dear Redeemer,  
his triumphant pow'r I'll tell,  
how the victory he giveth  
over sin and death and hell. (Refrain)**

**Invocation**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Confession of Sins**

P: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**C: Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C: Almighty and merciful Father,**

**we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.**

**We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.**

**We have done those things that we should not have done,**

**and we have not done those things that we should have done.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord!**

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,**

**according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

P: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus lived as our substitute and obeyed the law of God perfectly for us, paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Glory Be to God**

*tune of CW 460*

♪ **Glory be to God in heaven,  
peace to those he loves so well.**

**On the earth let all his people  
speak his grace, his wonders tell:**

**Lord, we praise you for your glory,  
mighty Father, heaven's King;  
hear our joyful adoration  
and accept the thanks we bring.**

**2 Only Son of God the Father,  
Lamb who takes our sin away,  
now with him in triumph seated—  
for your mercy, Lord, we pray:**

**Jesus Christ, most high and holy,  
Savior, you are God alone  
in the glory of the Father  
with the Spirit, Three in One!**

## **Prayer of the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

P: Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **Jr. Choir Hymn 8:00 a.m.: The King of Love**

The King of Love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.  
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever, and he is mine forever.  
Where streams of living waters flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth, and  
where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Refrain: Never failing, ruler of my heart, everlasting lover of my soul,  
on the mountain high or in the valley low, the King of Love my  
shepherd is, the King of Love my shepherd is.

Lost and foolish off I strayed, but yet in love He sought me, and on  
his shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me. In death's  
dark veil, I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me, Thy rod and  
staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me. (Refrain)

And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never,  
Good Shepherd may I sing your praise, within your house forever,  
within your house forever

## **Baptism of Barron John Richard Curtis 10:30 a.m. Service**

### **Old Testament: Isaiah 52:13-53:6**

<sup>13</sup>Look, my servant will succeed.

**He will rise. He will be lifted up. He will be highly exalted.**

<sup>14</sup>Just as many were appalled at him —

**his appearance was so disfigured that he did not look like a man,**  
and his form was disfigured more than any other person—

**<sup>15</sup>so he will sprinkle many nations,**  
and kings will shut their mouths because of him,  
**because they will see something they had never been told before,**  
and they will understand something they had never heard before.

**Who has believed our report,**  
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

**<sup>2</sup>He grew up before him like a tender shoot**  
and like a root from dry ground.

**He had no attractiveness and no majesty.**  
When we saw him, nothing about his appearance made us desire him.

**<sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by men, a man who knew grief,**  
who was well acquainted with suffering.

**Like someone whom people cannot bear to look at,**  
he was despised, and we thought nothing of him.

**<sup>4</sup>Surely he was taking up our weaknesses,**  
and he was carrying our sufferings.

**We thought it was because of God**  
that he was stricken, smitten, and afflicted,

**<sup>5</sup>but it was because of our rebellion that he was pierced.**  
He was crushed for the guilt our sins deserved.

**The punishment that brought us peace was upon him,**  
and by his wounds we are healed.

**<sup>6</sup>We all have gone astray like sheep.**  
Each of us has turned to his own way,  
**but the Lord has charged all our guilt to him.**

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**Verse of the Day**      *tune of CW 460*

♪ **Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,**  
**all our sins on you were laid;**  
**by almighty love anointed,**  
**you have full atonement made.**  
**Ev'ry sin has been forgiven**  
**through the power of your blood;**  
**open is the gate of heaven,**  
**we are reconciled to God.**

## **Epistle: Romans 12:3-16**

<sup>3</sup>So by the grace given to me, I tell everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought, but think in a way that results in sound judgment, as God distributed a measure of faith to each of you. <sup>4</sup>For we have many members in one body, and not all the members have the same function. <sup>5</sup>In the same way, though we are many, we are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

<sup>6</sup>We have different gifts, according to the grace God has given us. If the gift is prophecy, do it in complete agreement with the faith. <sup>7</sup>If it is serving, then serve. If it is teaching, then teach. <sup>8</sup>If it is encouraging, then encourage. If it is contributing, be generous. If it is leadership, be diligent. If it is showing mercy, do it cheerfully.

<sup>9</sup>Do not just pretend to love others. Hate what is evil. Cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup>Be devoted to one another with brotherly love. Think of others as deserving more honor than yourselves. <sup>11</sup>Do not be lagging behind in zeal, but be fervent in spirit, as you continue to serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Be joyful in hope. Endure trials patiently. Persist in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Share with the saints who are in need. Be quick to welcome strangers as guests.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless, and do not curse. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who are rejoicing; weep with those who are weeping. <sup>16</sup>Have the same respect for one another. Do not be arrogant, but associate with the humble. Do not think too highly of yourselves. P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Apostles' Creed**

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way CW 737

1 Lord, help us walk your servant way  
wherever love may lead  
and, bending low, forgetting self,  
each serve the other's need.

2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord,  
but pow'r you laid aside.  
You lived your years in servanthood,  
in lowliness you died.

3 No golden scepter but a towel  
you place within the hands  
of those who seek to follow you  
and live by your commands.

4 You bid us bend our human pride  
nor count ourselves above  
the lowest place, the meanest task  
that waits the gift of love.

**Sermon: Mark 10:32-45**

<sup>32</sup>They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was leading them. The disciples were amazed, and the others who followed were afraid. He took the Twelve aside again and began to tell them what was going to happen to him. <sup>33</sup>"Look, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the experts in the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles. <sup>34</sup>They will mock him, spit on him, flog him, and kill him. On the third day he will rise again."

<sup>35</sup>James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached him and said, "Teacher, we wish that you would do for us whatever we ask."

<sup>36</sup>He said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?"

<sup>37</sup>They said to him, "Promise that we may sit, one at your right and one at your left, in your glory."

<sup>38</sup>But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am going to be baptized with?"

<sup>39</sup>"We can," they replied.

Jesus told them, "You will drink the cup that I am going to drink and be baptized with the baptism that I am going to be baptized with. <sup>40</sup>But to sit at my right or at my left is not for me to give; rather, these places belong to those for whom they have been prepared."

<sup>41</sup>When the ten heard this, they were angry with James and John.

<sup>42</sup>Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup>But that is not the way it is to be among you. Instead, whoever wants to be great among you will be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wants to be first among you will be a slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

*Be Great In God's Eyes*  
*I. By suffering with Christ*  
*II. By serving like Christ*

**Response to God's Word** *tune of CW 737*

**5 Lord, help us walk your servant way  
wherever love may lead  
and, bending low, forgetting self,  
each serve the other's need.**

**Offering**

**Prayer of the Church**

P: Lord of our lives, by sending your Son to live and die as our perfect substitute, you provided forgiveness and salvation for a world of sinners. We praise you for your boundless saving love. We thank you for reaching out to each of us personally through your holy Word, in the water of Baptism, and in your Supper with your

true body and blood which we receive with the bread and wine. You have set us apart as people who belong to you, people whose purpose in life is to receive your love and live to your glory.

**C: You, O Lord, have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before the LORD in the land of the living.**

P: Gracious Father, remind us that you have called us to live for you and not for ourselves or according to the standards of the world around us. Help us devote our time, our talents, our energy, and all that you have placed into our hands to those things that will be of value for eternity. Help us to love you and others and to use all you have given us to your glory, instead of loving things and trying to use you and others for our own selfish interests.

**C: Turn from evil and do good; then you will always live securely. For the LORD loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones.**

P: Bless all who are suffering or in need. Be with the lonely and the grief-stricken. Move us to use the unique gifts you have given each of us to bring comfort and help to those who need it. Bless the government and the Church and help us be blessings to both.

**C: Blessed is he who has regard for the weak; the LORD delivers him in times of trouble.**

P: Crush the selfishness that comes to us naturally and fill us with joyful generosity. Grant that the gifts we bring to you may show that we are just as diligent and just as interested in carrying out your business as we are in carrying out our own. Lord Jesus, as we offer our gifts into your service, we ask you to accept them—not because they are so valuable or precious, but because they are tokens of our love for you. Use them in your work of saving souls for eternal life. Hear us for your name's sake and hear us as we pray as you taught us:

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**



**Hymn: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service** CW 766

1 Lord, whose love in humble service  
bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken,  
offered mercy's perfect deed,  
we, your servants, bring the worship  
not of voice alone, but heart,  
consecrating to your purpose  
ev'ry gift that you impart.

2 Still your children wander homeless;  
still the hungry cry for bread;  
still the captives long for freedom;  
still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As, O Lord, your deep compassion  
healed the sick and freed the soul,  
use the love your Spirit kindles  
still to save and make us whole.

3 As we worship, grant us vision,  
till your love's revealing light  
in its height and depth and greatness,  
dawns upon our quickened sight,  
making known the needs and burdens  
your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to tireless striving,  
your abundant life to share.

**Prayer**

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

**Closing Hymn: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service** CW 766

4 Sent from worship as your servants,

forth in your dear name we go,

to the child, the youth, the aged,

love in living deeds to show;

hope and health, goodwill and comfort,

counsel, aid, and peace we give,

that your servants, Lord, in freedom

may your mercy know and live.

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### Members, Visitors & Guests—Welcome to St. Matthew’s!

May we be great in God’s eyes through Christ who served us to save us and through service for which Christ saved us!

If you are visiting our service, please sign a “care card” in the church pew or our guest book and come back to visit again soon.

Attendance Last Sunday— 249 (43, 125, 81) Bible Class – 62

Offering Last Week—\$10,173.50 Sunday School – 24

*(Meeting our 2024 Ministry Plan requires weekly offerings of \$14,735.00.)*

*“Bring joy to the soul of your servant,  
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.” Ps 86:4*

### Announcements:

1. **The flowers on the altar** have been given by Jack and Diane Schroeder in celebration of their 52<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary. God’s blessings and congratulations!
2. **Baptism** Barron John Richard Curtis, son of Sophia and Daniel Curtis was born on August 3, 2024 and will be baptized today in the 10:30 a.m. service. Serving as sponsors are Priscilla and Alex Taylor. *He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior. Titus 3:5-6*

3. **Sunday Morning Bible Class** – Sunday morning Bible class will meet today between services in the Fellowship area. We will continue studying the book of Haggai.
4. **Sunday School** Sunday School will meet in the library for opening devotion. The children may be picked up in their classrooms at 10:15 am.
5. **The Women’s Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, October 16 at 9:30 a.m.in the school library. All women are welcome!
6. **Basketball Coach** We are looking for an A team (6th-8th grade) boys basketball coach. If you are interested or know someone that is willing, please contact Mrs. Fleming. (262) 949-6938 or [efleming@stmatthewsjanesville.org](mailto:efleming@stmatthewsjanesville.org). Thank you!
7. **Euchre Tournament Save the Date** On Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 p.m. the Fellowship/Outreach Committee will host a Euchre Tournament. Please plan to attend and enjoy a fun filled, competitive afternoon. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Childcare will not be available for this event.
8. **Our St. Matthew’s Mission Journeys team** will participate in its first short-term mission trip to home mission church, Hope in Centerton, in Arkansas this coming week. Please keep our team in your prayers as they travel and assist with outreach efforts. *A free will offering is being collected to help assist the group with travel related expenses.*
9. **Cry Room/Mother’s Room** Our sincere thanks to Elise May for the original artwork she painted on the north wall of the Cry/Mother’s room. Elise graduated from Craig High School this past spring and is now studying art at the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. If you haven’t seen her work, take a look soon. This means that this space is once again open and available for use. We truly love having little children in worship but understand that occasionally they need a place where they can take a break. Feel free to use this space as needed.
10. **Ice Cream Buckets with Lids** The hot lunch program is in need of empty ice cream buckets. If you have some that you would like to get rid of, please drop them off in the church office. Thank you!

11. **Open Forum & Voters' Meeting** The church council has prepared a proposed ministry plan for calendar year 2025. The council scheduled an open meeting for between services on Sunday, October 27 at which the proposal will be presented to all members of the congregation. The council also set the Voters' meeting for after the 10:30 service on November 10 at which a ministry plan will be adopted for next year. Please plan to attend these meetings!
12. **The Evening Guild** will sponsor a Fall clothing drive for Twice Is Nice on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> & Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>. If you have Fall or Winter clothes in good condition that you no longer want or need, shoes, boots, purses, house hold items, etc. they may be brought to the school lobby on Friday, Oct. 25th, and until noon on Saturday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>. We will take all articles to "Twice is Nice" in Jefferson. If you have any questions, please call Shari Scheibe at 757-9467 or Sally Wellnitz at 752-2037.
13. **Church Council Elections** November is the month of the church year where there will be a voter's meeting to elect three members of the Church Council to a three-year term. This year, the positions up for election will be that of President, Secretary, and the Chairman of the Education Committee. You may be asked by one of the outgoing councilmen if you will consider being a candidate, but if you have not been contacted and wish to run for one of these positions, are at least 21 years old, and have been a member of a WELS/ELS church for at least one year, please contact Karl Kroening, Council Vice President.
14. **Luther Prep Invites You:** Join the Luther Prep cast and crew of 'Haphazardly Ever After' by Jeff Fluharty on Saturday, Oct. 19 @ 7pm and/or Sunday, Oct. 20 @ 2:30pm in the LPS Auditorium for a 90 minute entertaining show about a King and Queen's struggle to deal with their adult children the princes and princesses. Get all the details at <https://www.lps.wels.net/apps/pages/fallplay>
15. **Lakeside Lutheran Invites You** Let the magic of Mr. Toad take you on a wild ride. This year's Lakeside Lutheran Fall Children's Theatre is **Mr. Toad's Mad Adventures** | Watch Mole, Badger and Ratty as they work together to save Mr. Toad from himself and the weasel gang – it's a smashing hit in more ways than one!

This is a delightful, upbeat version of Kenneth Grahame's ever-popular *Wind in the Willows*. | Saturday, November 2 -- performances at 3 & 6:30 pm, open to the public. General admission tickets will be sold only at the door: \$5/person (5 and under are free!) Directed by Mr. Steven Springborn.

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### **Assisting with Worship**

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#### **Organist:**

Meredith Moeller

#### **Ushers:**

8:00 a.m. – Rich Hatfield, Michael Borchardt, Ryan Borchardt, Kyle Stade  
10:30 a.m. – Tom May, Ben May, Eddie May

#### **Next Week Ushers:**

8:00 a.m. – George Ehlers, Bob Williams, Mike Fox, Nico Camnata  
10:30 a.m. – Steve Sage, David Johnson

#### **CODS:**

Thursday, October 17, 2024, 6:30 p.m. – Tim Stirmel  
Sunday, October 20, 2024, 8:00 a.m. – Jim Daley  
Sunday, October 20, 2024, 10:30 a.m. – Trevor Sanchez

#### **Next Week CODS:**

Thursday, October 24, 2024, 6:30 p.m. – George Ehlers  
Sunday, October 27, 2024, 8:00 a.m. – Karl Kroening  
Sunday, October 27, 2024, 10:30 a.m. – Kyle Stade

#### **Greeters**

Sunday, October 20, 8:00 a.m. – Mike & Bethann Borchardt  
Sunday, October 20, 10:30 a.m. – Karin Delong-Eichman

#### **Next Week Greeters**

Sunday, October 27, 8:00 a.m. – Judy Fanning  
Sunday, October 27, 10:30 a.m. – Mary Howard

#### **Church Cleaning:**

October 26, 2024 – Andy Axelsen & Michael Borchardt families  
November 2, 2024 – Dale Beutin & Theresa Biele families

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## This Week at St. Matthew's

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### **Sunday**

Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School/Bible Class  
9:15 a.m.

### **Tuesday**

LLHS Presentation (Night  
of information for 8<sup>th</sup>  
graders at LLHS.) 5:30-  
7:30 p.m.

Sr. Choir 5:45 -6:45 p.m.

### **Wednesday**

Women's Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

### **Thursday**

Worship with Communion  
6:30 p.m.

No School –Teacher's Conf.

### **Friday**

No School – Teacher's Conf.

### **Sunday**

Worship with Communion  
8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School/Bible Class  
9:15 a.m.

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## Hurricane Milton & Hurricane Helene Updates

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This weekend, Oct. 12 and 13, the WELS Christian Aid and Relief assessment team traveled to Florida and spent two intensive days viewing damage and talking to pastors, members, and church leaders. The team visited WELS congregations in Sarasota, Tampa, and Seminole. Northdale Lutheran in Tampa had a large tree on its school that needed to be removed as well as water damage to its sound system. Ascension in Sarasota had soffit damage. Thankfully damage to church buildings is light and should be repaired quickly.

The team also visited several members of WELS churches with varying levels of damage to their personal properties. Some have extensive damage from storm surge entering their homes. There is also quite a bit of tree damage and debris that needs to be cleaned up in the area of impact. Christian Aid and Relief is thankful to report that all members of our churches are safe with no reports of injury or loss of life.

Currently, Christian Aid and Relief is working to set up a deployment to help with the work that needs to be done. Local volunteers will be utilized as much as possible, but volunteers with special skills will be brought in as needed. To sign up as a disaster relief volunteer, please visit [welsdisasterrelief.org](https://welsdisasterrelief.org). Christian Aid and Relief will keep you updated on its deployment plans.

In addition to the work in Florida, Christian Aid and Relief is in touch with WELS pastors in North Carolina and is working to help several families in need.

We couldn't do any of this without your support. We are grateful for God's people in WELS who have offered many prayers and abundant financial gifts to help those in need. Thank you so much!

*Rev. Dan Sims, director, WELS Christian Aid and Relief*

Visit [wels.net/relief](http://wels.net/relief) to learn more about the work of WELS Christian Aid and Relief.

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## Extended SCRIP Program Opportunity

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St. Matthews has the opportunity to participate in a broader Scrip Program. SCRIP is the general name given to gift cards issued by local and national businesses. SCRIP can be thought of as substitute money and many be used in place of cash, checks, or credit cards at various businesses. At the time the SCRIP order is placed, St. Matthews receives a rebate ranging from 2% - 20% depending on the business. This rebate will be used to support special projects, which are not in the budget. SCRIP cards can be purchased in various amounts. It's a great way to allow your money to benefit St. Matthews by purchasing items you were already planning to buy from a store you already shop at! **Starting Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup> through November 11<sup>th</sup>**, these gift cards will be available to order. Payment must accompany your order and can be cash or check. Please make checks payable to St. Matthews. The ordered and prepaid gift cards should be available for pick up by Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. (Just in time for Christmas shopping and gift giving.)

The complete order form list of over 100 participating businesses is attached to the letter. Completed orders (payable to St. Matthews) can be handed in to Cathy Sonntag between church services Sundays or to Lori Sage. You may also place orders in the mail slot in the office. Please contact Cathy Sonntag 754-3994 or [csonntag@charter.net](mailto:csonntag@charter.net) with any questions regarding this optional program.

If you are interested in participating in the Extended Scrip program, order forms can be found in the back of the church on a table or in the school lobby.

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## Centerton Home Mission Church & St. Matthew's Mission Journey

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St. Matthew's would like to introduce you to Hope Lutheran Church in Centerton, Arkansas- a new home mission church outside of Bentonville and a product of the WELS 100 missions in 10 years initiative. Hope in Centerton is a brand new congregation, headed by mission pastor, Ross Chartrand, and a core group of four families.

This past spring, the St. Matthew's congregation was invited to partner with Hope in Centerton to regularly send mission teams to volunteer with future outreach efforts, as well as provide prayer support and guidance for the new congregation. On October 24-27, the first of St. Matthew's mission journey teams will travel to Arkansas to meet with Hope's core team. Here, the group will participate in a number outreach efforts and build relationships with the new congregation.

So, how can you, as a part of the St. Matthews' congregation, help? First and foremost, please keep Hope in Centerton in your prayers as they begin this exciting adventure. We are looking for individuals to be regular prayer partners for this initiative who would like to receive regular updates and prayer requests. Also, if you are a leader of a successful program here at St. Matthew's we would love to connect you to the team at Hope. Think about how a group you are involved in can provide support and encouragement. For those who would like to join us in the field, additional mission trips are being planned for Summer 2025 and the following year.

For more information, please follow Hope in Centerton on Facebook or reach out to Nicole Caminata, Deb Lehmann, Linda Williams, or Liz Sanchez.





