

# Montrose Messenger

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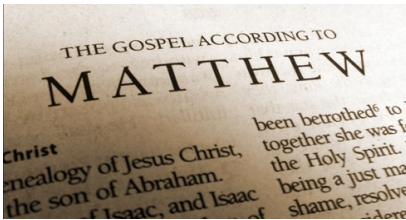
*Seek his will in all you do,  
and he will show you which path to take.  
- Proverbs 3:6 NLT*

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## Pastor Mark's Column



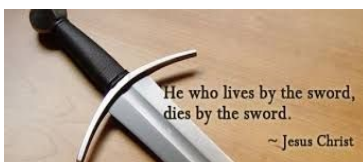
### The Struggle is Real

*"Don't think that I've come to bring peace to the earth. I haven't come to bring peace but a sword. I've come to turn a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. People's enemies are members of their own households."*

- Matthew 10:34-36.

Growing up, I struggled a lot with the idea of authority. Not in the way that I was a rebel and did the opposite of what I was told. Instead, I questioned whether something was really true or not. I did this purely out of ignorance because I couldn't quite understand how people knew for sure that you should or shouldn't do something. I still struggle with authority today. I find myself questioning the validity of some teachings within scripture. We all struggle with that at times. Jesus' teachings are still very controversial today. The struggle is real.

For example, Matthew writes of Jesus saying that he hasn't come to bring peace, but a sword. Interesting how Matthew later quotes Jesus as saying that those who live by the sword will die by the sword.



But then Jesus goes to say that he has come to turn a family against each other! How would that make sense considering how the ten commandments include respecting your father and mother. Well it makes sense that Jesus would say this because he's showing people a new path forward. Jesus is declaring to the people a new covenant between God and humanity. So of course it would cause this sort of controversy. Does this necessarily happen today? Some could argue so. Jesus today is still challenging our everyday assumptions about God and our faith.

This month we'll be struggling with Jesus' teachings found within the gospel of Matthew. One of the reasons why Matthew wrote his gospel was to be a manual of discipleship for Christians. As you can probably guess, we're going to look at these teachings and put them to the test. We'll be going through parables and teachings from Jesus. We will look critically at Matthew and uncover the truth that unfolds. Join us as we struggle together through the manual of faith that is the gospel of Matthew.



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### July Worship Theme

**Sunday, July 2, 2023**

**Holy Communion Sunday**

**Communion Steward**

**Carol Prestidge**

Message: "Rewards "

Scripture: Matthew 10:40-42

**Sunday, July 9, 2022**

Message: "This Generation"

Scripture: Matthew 11:16-19

**Sunday, July 16, 2023**

Message: "The Soil"

Scripture: Matthew 13:3-9

**Sunday, July 23, 2023**

Message: "The Weeds"

Scripture: Matthew 13:24-30

**Sunday, July 30, 2022**

Message: "The Mustard Seed"

Scripture: Matthew 13:31-33

### Montrose! ASSEMBLE!!

That's right! I need the ultimate group of people who are passionate about all things youth to join our youth group committee. Have ideas for what the youth group should do? Have ideas of what curriculum we should look at? Then please join us!! We will be planning and organizing a new youth group starting later this summer and continuing throughout the school year. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Any questions or concerns, please reach out to Pastor Mark at [am.umc.pastor@gmail.com](mailto:am.umc.pastor@gmail.com).





## PRAYER PAGE

### *Lifting in Our Prayers - continued*

Don Danford, surgery to remove and replace stimulator in his back was postponed. **Roger Vanderlinde's Mom**, losing her independence. She failed all tests to get her driver's license, thus her ability to drive. **Shelagh, former co-worker of Carol Prestidge's**, diagnosed with mesothelioma and starting chemo-therapy. **Vicki Severson and family**, having to put down their dog Layla. **The families of the 5 young women, all under the age of 20**, killed in a horrible car accident June 16th by an impaired, speeding driver.

### *Blessings and Celebrations*

**Devon Prestidge**, graduated from the Pride Program June 6th!  
**Jacob Smothers**, graduated from the Trek/Step Program May 19th!



### *Grieving with Families*

† **The Earl Stoll Family (Carol Hayes son-in-law)**. Earl passed away from cancer May 5th at the age of 75. (This was missed in the June newsletter.)



† **The Jami Schwintek family**. (Co-worker of Christie Illies). Jami's mother-in-law passed away.

† **The Linda Prestidge Family**. Linda's brother Wayne passed away.

### *Our Friends At Home*

Living at Home -  
**Gloria Adickes**  
**John Hylland**



### *Lifting in Our Prayers*

The victims of tragic train derailment in India. Almost 300 people killed and over 1,000 injured.



**Ricki Malerich**, suffering with laryngitis, and traveling with Allan and David to visit family in Michigan.

**Bruce Schmidt**, friend of Keith & Carol Prestidge's, developed an infection in his amputated limb and is back in the hospital.

**Duane Brunkow, Jane Gessinger's Dad**, Oral surgery went well, now he begins chemo therapy.

**Ron, Don & Mildred Klarstrom's brother-in-law**. After many health issues, is now in hospice care.



**Pastor Mark & his wife Amy**, expecting a baby boy in October!  
 School is out for the Summer!  
 Finally getting some much need Rain!

SPECIAL THANKS

The Handbell Choir would like to extend a special Thank You to the Anonymous donor who paid for the maintenance of the handbells on May 11th.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**SUNDAY, July 30th 12 pm**

**(After Worship Service)**

**CHURCH PICNIC & BLOCK PARTY IN LION'S PARK**

**FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP**

**Attention Families!**

Please see the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall to bring food, snacks, desserts, beverages & games!

### **A note from Tammy Prestidge and the WCCA Food Shelf ~**

The month of July is **OPEN YOUR HEART TO THE HUNGRY AND HOMELESS**. The WCCA Food Shelf will be **collecting canned food items and monetary donations throughout the month of July**.

Canned goods can be placed in the plastic bin in the narthex, which will be taken to the food shelf in Waverly weekly.

**Thank you for your support!**



July is "Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless" Month!

Please donate a canned good item or purchase a heart.

Our goal is \$3000 for the month!



## United Women in Faith ~ Hannah Circle



Meeting on the third Thursday of the month at 7 pm!

**Our next meeting is  
Thursday,  
July 20th at 7 pm**

Ricki Malerich will host the program at our July 20th meeting. We share a devotional program, sometimes a craft or mission project, then move to the business portion of our meeting. We try to keep meetings at one-hour.

Please contact us at: [montrosemnumw@gmail.com](mailto:montrosemnumw@gmail.com) with any questions.

Betty Danford - President  
Jacque Vanderlinde - Vice President  
Jane Gessinger - Secretary



**The Minnesota Twins  
host FAITH DAY  
Saturday, July 8,  
game time 1:10 pm  
VS. the  
Baltimore Orioles**

The event will feature a postgame program featuring live worship music by Christian Rock Band, *Sanctus Real*, and player testimonies.

Shortly after the conclusion of the game, the post-game program will take place in the lower level along the third base line in Sections 124-127. Your ticket to the game includes admission to the post-game program.

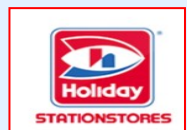


**Gift Cards To-Go for all your  
everyday shopping or gift giving needs!**

**Every rebate helps raise funds for the church and costs you nothing extra! Download the RaiseRight app today and take advantage of more savings!**

**See Angie Ferrell or Kelly Rux for gift cards!**

**July Order Dates: Monday the 10th & 24th**



The Bison Fishing Forever program is a nonprofit 501C organization that allows people to get out and enjoy fishing. The pontoon – which holds up to 8 guests – is located on Lake Pulaski in Buffalo.

Our guests range from the very young to the elderly. We have groups from nursing homes, assisted living, memory care, veterans, adults with special needs and parents with children. Some people come out to fish and some like to come out and just relax and spend time on the lake enjoying a ride. The pontoon is manned by volunteers. We have an experienced captain on the pontoon who finds the spot where the sunnies are biting. The 1<sup>st</sup> mate provides help with getting the guests equipped with their life jacket and boarding the pontoon and getting ready for their two-hour adventure on the water. The captain and 1<sup>st</sup> mate also bait hooks, remove fish and ensure that the guests are comfortable during the trip.

The City of Buffalo assists the Fishing Forever program by providing information regarding the program in the Community Center activity pamphlet. If anyone is interested in an outing, you can contact the community center in Buffalo at **763.682.6036**. The last I checked there were a couple of spots left in July and August. The outings run Monday through Thursday – three trips per day: 10 am to Noon, 1 pm to 3 pm, and 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

There are three people from our church who volunteer: Galen Becker and Russ Johnson - Captains, Carol Hoppe - 1<sup>st</sup> mate. One volunteer from House of Grace: Cory Jones - Captain.

Thank you Kim for allowing us to plug this wonderful program.



## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS!



### Celebrate Montrose

**Saturday, August 19th**  
**8:00 am - 11:30 pm**  
**Lion's Park**

Mark your calendars for a fun filled day!  
Bean Bag Tournament, Bounce Houses, Bingo, Disk Golf  
Tournament, Food Trucks, Boy Scout Burger Hut,  
Beer Tent and so much more!

And we are excited to have the country band  
**Diamondback** bringing their amazing talents and  
music back to close out the night!

It will be a great all day family event to meet your neighbors  
and reconnect with old ones after a 3 year break!  
Hope to see you all at there!



## Golf For Love

FUNDRAISING TOURNAMENT

**Sept.**  
**18**

**10:00am** Team Check-in  
**11:00am** Tee Off  
**4:00pm** Prizes & Drawings

**Albion Ridges Golf Course**  
7771 20th St NW, Annandale, MN 55302



### 2023 WRIGHT COUNTY FAIR

**Howard Lake**

**Wed., July 19th through Sun., July 23rd**

Demo Derby - Tractor Pull - Motocross  
Combine Derby - Circus - Midway Shows - Horse Show

### Summer Concerts in Sturgis Park!

#### Thursday Evenings at 7 pm ~ Sturgis Park in Buffalo

- June 29th** The 70's Magic Sunshine Band (70's music)
- July 6th** Monroe Crossing (Bluegrass)
- July 13th** JustUs (Mix of Music)
- July 20th** Xpedition (Foreigner, STYX, Kansas & Journey)
- July 27th** Mason Dixon Line (Country)
- August 3rd** Everett Smithson Band (Music of the Mississippi)
- August 10th** Shane Martin Band (Alabama Tribute)
- August 17th** ABBASolutely Fab (ABBA Tribute)
- August 24th** Transit Authority (Chicago Tribute)
- August 31st** The Whitesidewalls (50's and 60's Music)





## Trustees Update

- Schindler Elevator rescheduled the elevator repairs to mid-July, due to their workload and staffing shortages
- Frontier Fire will find and repair the air leak in our fire sprinkler system after July 4th. After that, the hole in the sanctuary ceiling will be fixed by Ken's Handyman Services.
- We will get bids to repair the following: 1) front concrete stairs & sidewalk. 2) Lifting the concrete stair on northside of building. 3) Front railing repair/replacement. 4) Repair and seal coat parking lot (not redo entire lot).

We want to **THANK** the following people for their continued service to maintain the church grounds.

- ⇒ Carol Hoppe for planting flowers in front of the church marquee and watering them.
- ⇒ Terry Rux for mowing.
- ⇒ Diane & Kelly Rux for weeding the Memorial, front garden, and mulched areas, and spraying the weeds.
- ⇒ Diane & Kelly Rux, Mike & Kim Wagner, for getting new mulch around the church.
- ⇒ Mike & Kim Wagner will be staining/painting the bench next to the Little Library after the 4th of July.

Sincerely,  
Your Board of Trustees



**Let's wish our MUMC 2023 Campers a great time at camp!**

**Angie Ferrell** - Northern Pines Christian Friendship Camp, July 2!

**Jacob Smothers** - Northern Pines Christian Friendship Camp, July 2!

**Isabella Johnson** - Northern Pines Teen Camp, July 30!

**Ava Garcia** - Northern Pines Teen Camp, July 30!

**We look forward to hearing about your camping experience and seeing pictures!**

## FE+ED Update



**FE-ED**

### FE-ED Food Drop Report For June 27, 2023

The semitruck from Second Harvest Heartland (SHH) arrived at 11 am, not 12:30 as previous months! We prepared 200 Boxes of food! This is our largest number since we have been doing the food drops. We

were very happy to be back in the Community Center to pack the boxes. It was a warm day and there was a lot of work to be done as you can see by the amount of food we packed.

We received a grant from Second Harvest Heartland for \$2,500! We will be redoing our website and updating our brochure to make people better aware of who we are and what we do. It will help with the other things too!

**Blessing Bags** (packed with items other than food that a family would need to run a household like paper products, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene items, etc.) provided by **Hearts~to~Hands** will be distributed next month. We hope you can join us in July, as we'll need more volunteers since we will have twice as many boxes to give out!



FE-ED is celebrating 8 years of feeding and caring for our neighbors.

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### Our community contributed a lot of extras:

- 750 lbs. of Watermelon from Second Harvest Heartland.
- 100 lbs. of bread from Great Harvest in Maple Grove.
- 600 lbs. of bread from the Waverly Food Shelf.
- 1,800 lbs. of meat and deli from the Buffalo Food Shelf.
- Rescue food from other sources.

### June Statistics:

- 8,549 pounds of food from SHH
- Families served 191
- Individuals served 657
- New, first time families 5
- Veterans served 31
- Communities served 19

Thank you for your support!

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Johnson, Secretary.

**The next food drop is Tuesday, August 22nd!**



If you would like to donate to FE-ED, simply scan the QR Code or place your check, made out to FE-ED, in the MUMC offering plate.



**FOOD DROP**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 25th at 3 pm**  
 Drive-thru pick-up on a first come-first serve basis while quantities last.  
 Montrose Community Center  
**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #ffffcc;"> <i>Handbell Choir has rehearsals Tue., July 25th, August 1st &amp; 15th</i> </div>						<b>1</b> 6-9 pm Palabra Viva (S/F) 8-10 pm AA Meeting (C)
<b>2</b> 9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship (F) 10:30 am Worship Service (S) 	<b>3</b> 6:30 pm Boy Scouts (C) 7 pm Palabra Viva Rehearsal (S)	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 8 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S)	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 6-9 pm Palabra Viva (S/F) 8-10 pm AA Meeting (C)
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<b>16</b> 9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship (F) 10:30 am Worship Service (S)	<b>17</b> 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Palabra Viva Rehearsal (S)	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7:15 pm Church Council (L)	<b>20 5 - 6:30 pm FREE Comm. Dinner (MCC)</b> 7 pm Hannah Circle (L) 8 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S)	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 6-9 pm Palabra Viva (S/F) 8-10 pm AA Meeting (C)
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<b>30 CHURCH PICNIC</b> 9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship (F) 10:30 am Worship Service (S) 1:30 pm Confirmation Class (C)	<b>31</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; background-color: #e0f0ff;">           On Sunday, July 30th the Boy Scouts leave for Alaska ~ returning home Sunday, Aug.13th!            Let's pray for safe travels &amp; a fantastic trip!         </div>				

**JULY BIRTHDAYS!**

4th-Carol Prestidge  
 8th-Tod Oval  
 15th-Meri Ault  
 15th-Galen Becker  
 15th-Mike Smothers  
 16th-Karlee Parks

18th-Jacque Vanderlinde  
 19th-Dennis Yager  
 19th-Vicki Severson  
 22nd-Don Danford  
 23rd-Steve Ashbaugh  
 23rd-John (JD) Gessinger  
 25th-Gini Gutknecht



**JULY ANNIVERSARIES!**

8th-Mike & Janelle Peart  
 10th-Joe & Kelly Prestidge  
 25th-Terry & Diane Rux

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**FE-ED**  
**For Each and Every Day**  
**(4th Tuesday of the Month)**

**NEXT FREE FOOD**  
**DISTRIBUTION:**  
**Tuesday, July 25th**

**Starting at 3:00 pm**  
**drive thru Event at**  
**Montrose Community Center**

(Sometimes the food distribution starts earlier if too many cars are lined-up, or if there are frozen goods.)

**Volunteers are needed & welcome starting at 12 pm to pack food boxes!**

FE-ED offers a drive-thru free food distributions every 4th Tuesday of the month! Pre-packed boxes/bags of dairy, produce and food items will be distributed starting at 3 pm until gone.

Go to the FEED website for more information:

**[www.fe-ed.org](http://www.fe-ed.org)**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A CHURCH**  
**PICNIC & BLOCK PARTY!**

**Sunday, July 30th**

**12 pm - 1:30 pm**

**Lion's Park**

(Behind the Church ~ weather permitting)



**Grilled Hamburgers & Hot Dogs, all the Fixins',  
Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Chips, Desserts,  
Beverages, and more!**