



# Ruth



# St. Michael

## Lutheran Church

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO JESUS

## WELCOME!

- ❖ **INFORMATION CENTER:** Are you interested in Bible classes, Sunday School, youth activities or our J.O.Y. Group senior adult ministry? Stop by the Information Desk in the lobby—we want to meet and help you.
- ❖ **GUEST and HANDICAP PARKING:** For your convenience, parking is located across from the main church entrance and the west entrance door (4).
- ❖ **AUTOMATIC DOORS:** Two sets of automatic doors are available. One is located on the west entrance door (4) and the other is located on the main doors (2).
- ❖ **LISTENING DEVICES** for those who have difficulty hearing the service are available at the sound booth at the back of the sanctuary.
- ❖ **TODAY'S SERMON IS AVAILABLE ONLINE**, along with prior sermons and Bible studies, at [stmfw.org/sermons](http://stmfw.org/sermons).
- ❖ **ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE** at [stmfw.org/giving](http://stmfw.org/giving).
- ❖ **WE VALUE YOUR ATTENDANCE:** Please complete a connect card or visit [stmfw.org/iamhere](http://stmfw.org/iamhere).

### St. Michael loves new parents and small children!

- ❖ **WE WELCOME CHILDREN IN WORSHIP**, but if you need it, a nursery for children under age 5 is located in Room 24B. Please ask an usher for directions.
- ❖ **THE CRY ROOM** is our lobby. Please pull up a chair so that you may watch and listen to our worship service.
- ❖ **BUDDY BAGS** are available for small children in the lobby. You may pick one up prior to service and return on your way out. Enjoy!
- ❖ **CHANGING TABLES** are located in the family and women's restrooms adjacent to the lobby.
- ❖ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH** is for children 5 and under during the sermon at the 10:45a worship.

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**April 28, 2024**

**WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES**

**Theme of the Day:** Throughout this year where we recognize the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Michael, we are pausing every 7 weeks to give some special recognition to the Lord's work here in this congregation. As we do that this weekend, we turn to an Old Testament character who was an example of selfless sacrifice and service, Ruth.

**JUBILEE FANFARE**

**written by son of the congregation, Owen Kaiser**

When Owen composed this fanfare, he considered all the different identities in our lives, some good, some bad. Can you recognize the four different hymn tunes throughout this musical piece? Thank you, Owen, for using your musical gifts to lift up St. Michael's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and glorify God!

**INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 150**

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

**C: Amen.**

P: "Praise the Lord.

**C: Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens.**

P: Praise Him for His acts of power,

**C: Praise Him for His surpassing greatness.**

P: Praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet,

**C: Praise Him with the harp and lyre,**

P: Praise Him with the strings and flute,

**C: Praise Him with the clash of cymbals,**

P: Praise Him with resounding cymbals.

**ALL: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord."**

**HYMN**

When in Our Music God is Glorified  
stanzas 1-3

**796**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Holy and almighty God,

**C: show me Your mercy, O Lord.**

P: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

**C: and renew a right spirit within me.**

P: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world,

**C: have mercy on me.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and bring honor to Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Merciful God, I confess to You that I have sinned against You in thought, word, and action, by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbors as myself. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

*(silence for personal confession and self-reflection)*

P: Friends in Jesus, God the Father has had mercy on you and through Jesus Christ, God forgives all your sins. Therefore, I announce to you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN**

When in Our Music God is Glorified  
stanzas 4-5

**796**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Faithful God, whose mercies are new to us every morning, we humbly pray that You would look upon us in mercy and renew us by Your Holy Spirit. Keep safe our going out and our coming in, and let Your blessing remain with us throughout this day. Preserve us in Your righteousness, and grant us a portion in that eternal life which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

**Ruth 1:7-18, 4:18-22**

**ANTHEM 8:00a**  
**10:45a**

Here I Am, Lord  
My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

**Women's Choir**  
**Flute Choir**

**GOSPEL READING**

**Matthew 26:6-13**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN** Just as I Am **570**

**SERMON** “Where You Go, I Will Go” **Pastor Shawn**

**APOSTLES CREED 8:00a/NICENE CREED 10:45a**

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY**

**MINISTRY MINUTES/ST. MICHAEL FOUNDATION AND SHEPHERD’S HAND**

**PRAYERS/THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER 10:45a**

**PREFACE/PROPER PREFACE**

**SANCTUS** (sung to the tune of *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*)

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION/THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

**AGNUS DEI** (sung to the tune of *O Sons and Daughters*)

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

I Come O Savior to Thy Table **618**

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds **524**

I Know that My Redeemer Lives **461**

Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing **528**

**POST COMMUNION** (sung to the tune of *I Know that My Redeemer Lives*)

**BENEDICTION**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord turn His face toward you, and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN** In Christ Alone

**SILENT PRAYER**

Jesus, thank You for using ordinary people like us to share Your mercy and loyalty. Show me ways to connect to people in my life, to help them to connect to You. Amen.

## **THE SHEPHERD'S HAND COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER**

The Shepherd's Hand Community Outreach Center located at 1231 S. Anthony Blvd. is an LCMS organization that seeks opportunities to enhance health and wellness for community members in southeast Fort Wayne. By providing healthy cooking classes, distributing diapers, and connecting people to services through quarterly health fairs, Shepherd strives to fulfill the mission of *'reaching out in the city by caring for the Shepherd's people, daring to be the Shepherd's hands, and sharing the Shepherd's love.'*

### **OUR STAFF**

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT

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April 27/28



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## CONGREGATIONAL DINNER AND MEETING

**Sunday, April 28 at 4:30p**

Join us in celebrating our “Identity in Christ” at our second **70th Jubilee event**. This family event will include an hour of fun, family oriented activity, a meal beginning at 5:30p, and our regularly scheduled voters’ meeting beginning at 6:00p. Childcare will be provided during the voters’ meeting for families with young children. We will acknowledge how we are uniquely gifted by God as individuals, how we collectively are the body of Christ at St. Michael, and we will celebrate our identity in Christ.

## **ESTATE PLANNING**—Thursday, May 2 at 11:30a and 6:30p

Do you realize that approximately 70% of Americans don’t have a will or estate plan? Typical goals in estate planning include topics like: guardianship for minor children, financial provisions for spouse and children, identifying power of attorney for health care and finances, designating your charitable gifts, and more. It’s never too early to make arrangements for your family’s security and legacy with an estate plan. Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) provides congregational “Ask the Expert” workshops. Diana Raasch, Director of Donor Relations and Gift Planning for LCEF will be here **May 2 (11:30a and 6:30p)** to facilitate a panel presentation that includes St. Michael members: Estate Attorney Mark Witmer, Certified Financial Planner Chip Olson, St. Michael Foundation Advisor Ron Menze, and Pastor Goff. A box lunch is provided at 11:30a and refreshments at the 6:30p session, so **please register at [stmfw.org/events](http://stmfw.org/events)**.

## **UPDATE YOUR PICTURE FOR OUR DATABASE**

Stop by on Saturday or Sunday, before or after worship. We will take your profile picture and upload it into the database (F1Go). **This is not a photo directory picture!** We hope to create a photo directory this fall.





## **“IMAGINE” FINE ARTS CAMP (FAC) JUNE 24-28 at St. Michael**

The Fine Arts Camp is a week-long summer day camp that provides an opportunity for youth to connect faith, creativity and community. The camp will be June 24-28 from **9:00a-3:30p** with child care available before and after the camp. Participants will choose from electives including drawing, chimes, creative writing, drama, dance, sewing, fiber arts, and more! Register at <https://stmfw.org/fineartscamp>. The link also has Frequently Asked Questions, a daily schedule, cost, and more information about the electives that are offered. Hope to see you at FAC this summer! **Please register by May 15!**

## **SAVE THE DATE for VBS! Breaker Rock Beach June 17-21**



At *Breaker Rock Beach VBS*, kids will be challenged as they discover that God’s truth never changes, everyone needs Jesus, and learn to speak the truth in love. Register your child or as a volunteer at [stmfw.org/register](https://stmfw.org/register).

## **YOUTH NEWS!**

Join us on 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday’s for YOUTH NIGHT where we are wrapping up our study on Identity! We will enjoy spending time with God and have fun trying out new games! Future Youth Nights include May 5th and May 19th - AMAZING RACE! MIDDLE (4:00p-6:00p) and HIGH SCHOOL (6:00p-8:00p)

## **PARENT’S NIGHT OUT! KID SITTING OPPORTUNITY!**

On May 10 from 6:00p-9:00p, drop off children 2 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade and enjoy a night out! This is a free-will offering/fundraiser to support our St. Michael Youth 2024 Servant Event. Children will enjoy a night of games, snacks, and fun! To sign up or ask questions please email DCE Emma at [emma@stmfw.org](mailto:emma@stmfw.org).

## **YOUTH CAR WASH—COMING SOON!**

Car washes will be \$10 and go to helping our youth travel to North Carolina in 2024 and New Orleans in 2025.



## **HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNITION—MAY 11/12**

At all services we’ll be honoring our high school graduates! You and your parents will be invited to the front for a special blessing and a gift from St. Michael. Please grab a Graduation Recognition Form from the Information Desk and return it (or email it) to DCE Emma.



## **ST. MICHAEL WEEKEND AT CAMP LUTHERHAVEN!**

9:00a on Saturday, June 8 to 1:00p on Sunday, June 9

We are so excited to gather for a weekend in God's creation at Camp Lutherhaven! **Come for the entire weekend, Saturday only, or Sunday only...whatever works best for you.** Enjoy canoe races, camp games, messy science, and of course campfire devotions! Register at [stmfw.org/register](http://stmfw.org/register). This weekend is open to all. If you have unique circumstances or questions, please reach out to Celine Newman at [celine@stmfw.org](mailto:celine@stmfw.org).

## **CHECK OUT CAMP LUTHERHAVEN!**

Camp Lutherhaven has so many fun activities, including boating, hiking, making crafts, and so much more...available for those of all ages—from kindergarten through High School, even some for the whole family! Register online today at [www.lutherhaven.org](http://www.lutherhaven.org), or call for more information at 260-636-7101.

## **J.O.Y GROUP EVENTS**

Join us **Thursday, May 9 at noon** for MOVIE DAY and lunch. Cost is \$5. Please reserve your spot by calling Penny at 580-8730 by May 1.

Save the date of **Thursday, July 11** at 12:00p for Picnic in the Park at Hefner Pavillion!

## **ST. MICHAEL DAY AT THE TINCAPS! Tuesday, June 18 at 7:00p**

The entire congregation is invited! Tickets are \$14. It's Parkview Field \$2.00 night on some concession items, with fireworks after the game! Reserve your tickets online at [stmfw.org](http://stmfw.org) or by check, attached to the form in at the Information Desk. Deadline is June 4. Contact Diana Sims with questions at 433-2063.

## **SPRING ADULT BIBLE STUDY—with Pastor Jon Meyer in the gym**

We will look at some truly amazing, and often unread, or even misread books, tracing the journey of a newly formed people, the Children of Israel, as they move toward being a nation under a king—and we see the problems that creates. Even in all of that, we will see God's promises, which he fulfills through His son, on full display!

## **WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY: WHEN YOU PRAY**

**Tuesday evenings, 6:30p-8:00p, June 4 – July 23, led by Tammy Bruns**

Do you have trouble thinking of words to say to God when you pray? Are you afraid some emotions are too intense to express to God? Do you reach the end of a day only to realize you haven't prayed at all? You're not alone. Prayer is the way we relate to God, but sometimes it's a struggle. Throughout God's Word, we encounter many voices who teach us how to pray. In this 7-session study, join with six beloved Bible teachers who will help you study prayers in the Bible that can inspire your own. You'll learn that God welcomes your praise and lament, your thanksgiving and intercession. You'll see examples of how to pray when you're alone and when you're gathered with others. Above all, you'll notice there's no one right way to pray. As you draw near to God through prayer, you'll find your faith strengthened and your heart united to Christ. Books can be ordered through the church for \$28 (includes shipping) or on Amazon for \$25. Register today at [stmfw.org/register](http://stmfw.org/register).

## **B.L.E.S.S. SUMMER BIBLE STUDY**

**Mondays, 6:30p-8:00p, June 3 – July 22, led by Craig and Rhonda Patterson**

What if you could change the world without changing your daily routine? How do you share Jesus' grace with others without scaring them away or offending them? Uncover five simple, straightforward practices that will allow you to affect your entire neighborhood and community, one person at a time! Books can be ordered for \$18 through the church or Amazon. Register today at [stmfw.org/register](http://stmfw.org/register).

## **DISCIPLESHIP FOUNDATIONS CLASS—April 28/May 5/May 12**

Are you seeking connection into St. Michael ministries? Join us these three Sundays from 9:30a-10:30a or contact [Celine@stmfw.org](mailto:Celine@stmfw.org) to learn more!

## **PRAYING FOR OUR NATION**

Prayer is powerful! Please join us on May 1/15 and each first and third Wednesday of the month at 1:00p to pray for our nation. Starting on August 21-November 5 we will meet weekly to pray for the election.

## **CONFIRMATION DAY IS SUNDAY, MAY 5 AT 10:45a!**

Join us in prayer for these 19 confirmands as they take this important step forward in faith!

## **MAY MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS—God's Blessings!**

Catherine Rosine, 5/2, 81; Vicki Wilkerson, 5/3, 81; Jean Bristol, 5/5, 81; Nancy Panning, 5/23, 81; Nancy Kuker, 5/25, 92; and Marilyn Barlow, 5/30, 87.

## **ESM JOB OPENINGS**

ESM is thankful for all the faculty and staff serving every day, including the faithful work of some who are being called to begin new opportunities. In addition to Mrs. Staub accepting a Call to teach social studies at CLHS, three individuals are retiring from their current roles: Mrs. Kuker as Union Instructional Aide, Mrs. Stradling as School Nurse, and Mrs. Wudy as Union Librarian. Praise the Lord for the many ways they have served at ESM and for the good plans God has for them!

With those openings, as well as addressing other ways to best fulfill our mission, please see the opportunities below to serve alongside the incredible team at ESM for the 2024-2025 year! Contact the office to learn more or explore next steps.

Middle School Teacher (7th Grade ELA)

Part-Time Elementary Aide

School Nurse

Part-Time Preschool Assistants

PE Teacher/Athletic Director

Union Librarian

## **REDEMPTION HOUSE**

Redemption House is a network of transition homes for women who desire to redeem their lives from past destructive behavior by developing a faith-based lifestyle and by gaining the skills necessary to achieve and maintain success.

## **PANCAKE BREAKFAST—Sunday, June 9 from 7:00a-10:00a**

**St. Michael will celebrate Redemption House in our worship services June 8/9.** We will also host a free-will offering pancake breakfast in the gym to benefit their mission trip!

## **CHANGING FOOTPRINTS SHOE DRIVE**

The ESM PTL invites all families to donate any types of shoes to our ESM Shoe Drive! Changing Footprints collects used and new shoes and provides them to shelters, schools, churches, and other groups. Collection bins are located at both campuses. Please send in any types of shoes, matched or unmatched (sandals, water shoes, flip flops, crocs, casual, dress, slippers, boots, cowboy boots and work boots). Eighty percent (80%) of all donated shoes are distributed within our area. for more information, please go to [changingfootprints.org](http://changingfootprints.org).

## THE SHEPHERD'S HAND ANNUAL 5K WALK/RUN

Saturday, May 4

Help raise funds for this vital ministry by participating in the 4th annual 5K walk/run!



## RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

Saturday, April 6

137

Sunday, April 7

533

Livestream

97

### THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Our Lord invites to His table those who have been baptized, who repent of their sin, who believe Jesus Christ is their Savior, and who believe the body and blood of Jesus is really present together with the bread and wine. Anyone who is not yet instructed in the Christian faith or who has a differing belief are asked to first speak with one of the pastors. If you need communion delivered to where you are sitting, please notify an usher or elder before the service begins. Gluten free communion wafers are available by raising your index finger as communion is distributed signaling to the elder that you wish to receive a prewrapped gluten free wafer. Grape juice is available in the purple tinted cups located in the center of the tray of individual cups. Children or adults who have not yet been confirmed or instructed in the Lord's Supper are welcomed to come forward for a blessing placing their arms over their chest.

### SERVING AT ST. MICHAEL this weekend

Are you able to join a worship service team? Contact Tina Hoover at 432-2033 or [tina@stmfw.org](mailto:tina@stmfw.org).

#### **Greeters:**

Ken and Susie Faust (5p)  
Ross Fredrickson, Kris McKay, Christy Mowrey, Randy Grote (8a)  
Susan Hein, Jana Peters, Kim Trombley (10:45a)

#### **Lay Readers:**

Susan Hein (5p); Randy Grote (8a); Jana Peters (10:45a)

#### **Children's Church:**

Helene and Naomi Hendrickson (10:45a)

#### **Acolytes:**

James Sprunger (5p); Isabelle Johnson (8a); Adam Ruch (10:45a)

**Information Desk:** Terry Hammond (5p); Gretchen Weerts (8a); Holly Booth (10:45a)

#### **Elders:**

Nathan Nix (5p); Mark Muntzinger (8a); Michael Kuhn (10:45a)

#### **Nursery:**

Emma Latin and Lexi Panning

#### **Fellowship:**

Cassie Swartz, Jon and Cristie Gerken

#### **Altar Guild:**

Carol Olry



Our altar flowers are given this weekend by Lenny Kilmer in loving memory of her husband Don Kilmer. If you would like to remember a special person or occasion with flowers, please sign up on the poster outside the church office.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS for April 29-May 10

### **Monday, April 29**

8:30a Mon's Bible Study  
3:30p Grace Notes  
6:00p Harmony Ringers  
6:45p BSG  
7:00p Confirmation Meetings

### **Tuesday, April 30**

6:30p Griefshare  
7:00p Praise Team

### **Wednesday, May 1**

10:30a Men's Bible Study/Wickert  
1:00p Praying for Our Nation  
6:30p Men's and Women's Choir  
7:00p Adult Choir  
7:00p Elder's Meeting

### **Thursday, May 2**

11:30a Ask the Expert  
6:15p Puppet Practice  
6:30p Ask the Expert  
6:30p Lower Rowers Men's Study  
7:00p Jubilant Fields Rehearsal

### **Friday, May 3**

8:00p Men's Basketball

### **Saturday, May 4**

5:00p Worship/Holy Communion

### **Sunday, May 5**

8:00a Worship/Holy Communion  
9:30a Sunday School/Adult Bible Study  
10:45a Confirmation Worship Service  
4:00p Middle School Youth  
5:00p Academy Recital  
6:00p High School Youth

### **Monday, May 6**

3:30p Grace Notes  
6:00p Harmony Ringers  
6:45p BSF  
7:00p Resound

### **Tuesday, May 7**

1:00p PURLS  
6:30p Trustee Team Meeting  
6:30p Griefshare  
7:00p Praise Team

### **Wednesday, May 8**

9:15a Coffee Break Bible Study  
10:30a Men's Bible Study/Wickert  
6:30p Men's and Women's Choir  
7:00p Adult Choir

### **Thursday, May 9**

11:30a Ask the Expert  
6:15p Puppet Practice  
6:30p Ask the Expert  
6:30p Lower Rowers Men's Study  
7:00p Jubilant Fields Rehearsal

### **Friday, May 10**

4:00p CLHS Spring Concert  
8:00p Men's Basketball

## **PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**We are privileged to pray for each other.** Please notify the staff on your connect card or by email if you would like your prayer needs kept private. Otherwise, we will print them in this publication on a weekly basis.

### **Please pray for...**

- Stacey, friend of Stan and Sally Scheumann, enduring cancer treatments
- Dave Sorlie, relative of Kyle and Trisha, who is under hospice care
- Mason Leininger as he prepares to take the Praxis exam to get his teaching certificate
- Susan, Karen Martin's sister, who has leukemia and undergoing a bone marrow biopsy

### **Those recovering from surgery or other medical procedures:**

- John Olry – knee replacement
- Gina Connelly – back surgery
- Mike Beights – broken foot
- Kathy Magner – difficulty communicating
- Mike Rohrbach – eye surgery
- Scott Grover – recent surgery
- Anita Thomas, neighbor - had knee replacement surgery
- Sheila, friend and colleague of Laura Goff - back surgery
- Alan Claus – health issues

### **Those who continue to struggle with cancer**

- Lynnette Brink
- Diana Guerrero, friend of Dean and Molly Kiefer
- Kate Ahlersmeyer, friend of Karen Hall
- Jan, friend of Dave and Kathy Trinklein
- Chris Huber, friend of the Briney family
- Randy LaFrentz, friend of Joel and Gretchen Weerts
- And all others we know suffering with cancer or treatments

**Continued prayers** for Braxton and all who are serving in the military; Dewit and his family; Ashland Reiter; Joann Auman; Levi Smith; Sarah (daughter of Jerry and Mary Nichols); Charlie (son of Trisha Englert); Amber Afarin; Michelle and her family; Derrick Minnick; Marjorie Grace and Madison Leininger; Britt and unborn child (daughter-in-law of Debbie Waldick); John Ribar; Margaret Jones; Kristen Wetzel; Judy Pieper; Don and Kathy Magner; and Brian Wielosinski

## WEEKLY READING GUIDE | April 29-May 3

### Introduction to the Book of Ruth

Ruth takes place amid the tumultuous events during the time of Judges and before the Israelite tribes unite as a formal kingdom. Although no author is identified, Jewish tradition credits the book to the prophet Samuel, who anointed David as God's chosen king. This historical account describes events approximately 126 years before David's birth and establishes David's ancestry by the story of two widows, Naomi and Ruth, who have their unfortunate circumstances redeemed after a chance encounter with a relative named Boaz.

Learn more: [bibleproject.com/explore/video/ruth](https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/ruth)

**Ruth 1** | How does the book of Ruth begin?

**Ruth 2** | As the chapter ends, what do we learn about God from Mara (Naomi) and Ruth?

**Ruth 3** | God's grace and mercy are demonstrated in the interaction between Ruth and Boaz. What other characteristics of God do you notice within the chapter?

**Ruth 4** | Boaz is the kinsman redeemer who points to David who points to Jesus. As you read through Ruth, what did you learn about God's use of ordinary people and ordinary circumstance to show his mercy?

**Matthew 1** (or listen to Andrew Peterson's song - "Matthew's Begats") | How many people in Jesus genealogy would be considered as ordinary people?



# TODAY'S SERMON NOTES

Ruth 1-4

## THE PEOPLE:

### NAOMI

Ruth 1:5

Ruth 4:16

### RUTH

Ruth 1:16

Ruth 3:14-18

### BOAZ

Ruth 2:1-2

Ruth 4:13

### GOD

## THE TAKEAWAYS: