

# SAVE the DATE!

FALL 2023



SEPT 10	Foundations 1 (Meet St. Matthew) Community Room @ 10:00 AM
SEPT 17	Endowment Fund Info Sunday Worship Services @ 8:30 & 10:00 AM
SEPT 24	Foundations 2 (Share Life) Community Room @ 10:00 AM
SEPT 25	Everyone Matters Ministry Golf Tournament Sierra View Country Club @ 10:00 AM
OCT 01	40-Day Red Letter "Serving" Challenge Worship Services @ 8:30 & 10:00 AM
OCT 08	Foundations 3 (Create Friendships) Community Room @ 10:00 AM

OCT 15	St. Matt Oktoberfest 2023 Church Lobby @ 3:00 - 7:00 PM
OCT 19-21	Feed My Starving Children Mobile-Pack Event Church Lobby (Shift Signups 09/10)
OCT 22	Foundations 4 (Inspire Hope) Community Room @ 10:00 AM
OCT 28	Trunk or Treat Church Parking Lot @ 3:00-5:00 PM
NOV 13-20	Operation Christmas Child Shoe-Box Collection Hope Garage (Drop Off Times TBA)
NOV 24	"Deck the Halls" Christmas Décor Day Church Lobby @ 6:00-10:00 PM



Share Life. Create Friendships. Inspire Hope

*St. Matthew*

# CONNECT

**IN!**  
New to St. Matthew?  
  
Get Connected Today!

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## VBS: Vacation Bible School 2023

JESUS LOVES CHILDREN! He talked about being there "for the least of these" and then He put His hands on them and blessed them. AND BECAUSE JESUS LOVES CHILDREN WE LOVE CHILDREN! This is why we were so excited to share the love of Jesus in our first full-blown VBS since we moved into our new building. We had such a joyful time seeing many NEW faces as well as familiar faces. We gathered all the families together every night and gifted them with dinner, connecting in relationship... and Friday was a family fun night with catered BBQ and water slides galore! Thank you to all our

volunteers...the kitchen crew, clean-up crew, crew leaders, AVL team, decorating team, photographers, safety crew, and so many others! And thanks to each of you who faithfully support our ministry, you all made this possible. **Prayer:** Dear Lord, bless the seeds of love and life that were planted in our VBS. Give us always hearts that value and love children as you do. Move each of us to always support our ministry to children not only with our offerings but also with our service. We pray in the Name of the One who loves children, Jesus! Amen – YES!

*"bless the seeds of love and life that were planted in our VBS"*

"The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him."

Daniel 9:9 NIV



# OFFERING INFORMATION

 <b>IN PERSON</b> secure boxes located at the sanctuary exits	 <b>ONLINE</b> stmatthewrocklin.com /give	 <b>TEXT 2 GIVE</b> Text a \$ amount to 84321	 <b>BY MAIL</b> 3785 Placer Corp. Dr Suite 600 Rocklin, CA 95765
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## ST. MATTHEW Students

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! We're excited about the plans that we have to help partner with you and your students to help build a faith of their own! Here's some awesome opportunities coming up this fall.

### HIGHSCHOOL

We will be meeting every other Wednesday from 5:30-7:30 PM in the Hope Garage! (Aug. 16th, 30th, Sept. 13th, 27th, Oct. 11th, 25th) Students meet for dinner, some fun and games, then we'll jump into our Fall Series starting with - Elevate: raising the bar for conversations about life together & Table of Context: a teenager's guide to understanding ancient words for modern times.

### HEAD2HEART (7th & 8th)

We will be meeting every other Wednesday from 5:30-7:30 PM in the Hope Garage! (Aug. 9th & 23rd, Sept. 6th & 20th, Oct. 4th & 18th) Students will meet for dinner, games and hangout, then dive into our Confirmation lesson!

Let's have a great 2023-2024 together! Feel free to reach out if we can be of support to you in any way.

Cheerfully in Christ,  
Julia Tougas  
DCE Intern



**OCT 19th-21st** - Have you ever seen horrible suffering in our world and felt helpless to do anything? For three days in October, St. Matthew hosts hundreds of area volunteers who will pack hundreds of thousands of meals to feed starving children all over the world. The volunteers come in all ages and from all around our community, all working together to pack meals in a FUN, high-energy assembly line environment. Sign-ups for packing shifts will be available on our website September 10th.

## TRUNK OR TREAT



**OCT 28th 3:00-5:00PM** - Sometimes a simple act of kindness can powerfully reflect the love of Jesus. Trunk or Treat is a community event where we simply give kids candy in a fun filled environment. Kids walk through our parking lot trick or treating at many decorated cars. There will also be photo-booths, fun treats, face painting, inflatables, and lots of smiles. Save the date and be a part of this! So, bring your friends, family, and neighbors - this is for everyone! Sign-ups available September 24th.

# RED LETTER CHALLENGE

"If Jesus offers a full and abundant life, then why does it feel as if words like burnout, anger, loneliness, and anxiety are winning the day?" - Zach Zehnder

Join us for our all-church **SERVING CHALLENGE** starting **October 1st**, and you'll discover how serving is one of the keys to living a full and abundant life. "In this 7-week sermon series and 40 day life group challenge, we are taking steps as a church to grow in our discipleship and follow Jesus more closely."

## From the Pulpit



The season is changing! It's Fall, and change is in the air. Here are the new things you can look for at St. Matthew this fall as we Share Life, Create Friendships, and Inspire Hope together.

**We Share Life** by celebrating the gift of new life we receive through Jesus in worship. On September 10th, we will kick the fall off with a short series,

Winning on Purpose. Did you know that God wants us to win **ON PURPOSE** in life? This is a great series to bring that friend you have been praying for... which will then set us up for our next **RED-LETTER CHALLENGE** series 'Serving.' Jesus said, "when you lose your life, you find it!" But how do you do that? Come and see!

**We Create Friendships** by Growing in Christ through His Word. We all long to have real, authentic relationships. This fall, we are relaunching life groups with the Serving Challenge. Our **RED-LETTER CHALLENGE** goal is to grow our **LIFE GROUPS** by 25% by raising up new leaders and encouraging all to join a **LIFE GROUP**.

**We Inspire Hope** by sharing Jesus' love in the places He has planted us. Early this fall we hosted the Feed my Starving Children fundraiser and just around the corner is Every Swing Matters golf tournament... these are just a couple of the events that we are doing to give back to our community... Where has Jesus planted you to share his love?

- Pastor Brad and Pastor Nathan



You can find them under trees, in the shade of buildings, near grocery stores, and left turn lanes. Who are they? They are our neighbors who have no respite from the sun and heat. Nancy Hansen conceived a plan and mentioned it at our May Women in Mission meeting. Over the summer we made new friends as we met together to make the scarves. Prior to handing out over 350 scarves, we soaked them in water to keep a person cool for days then told them how to rehydrate them to last forever... If this is a ministry that might interest you, we would love to have you join us!

Our next meeting is September 20th from 9:30am-12:00pm, with a luncheon to follow.

For more info/to RSVP, please email: sharonkjunge@gmail.com

