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Praise the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits

Psalm 103:2

Over the last few months I've been reading the Psalms to start my day. I hit a patch where over and over the writer recounts Israel's story. After a couple of days of "yeah, yeah, yeah. I know this stuff..." I stopped and reflected on what my life would look like as a Psalm. I won't bore you with my personal Psalm-story, but what would your own Psalm-story look like? Your collective family's?

If you have older children, take some time to write your own Psalm. Thankfully, few of us can recount anything as dramatic as a sea parting or God's discipline with a plague. Claim the victories—a time when a your child overcame a difficult friendship or struggled through a hard school year. Include times of discipline, not to shame the child, but to remind them of your love and God's love for them. "Blessed is the man whom God corrects; so do not despise the discipline of the Almighty," Job 5:17. Don't forget all the blessings—big and small.

For younger children, write your Psalm with your spouse. Make it a date night project. Time flies and memories fade. Use this exercise as a way to record your lives together thus far. Maybe highlight your Psalm with photos from your wedding or your child's birth.

As I look ahead to the next few years of children leaving our home and starting their own lives, I have confidence in God's faithfulness. By looking backwards, I remember the times God has protected my children, blessed my children and disciplined my children. He has shown Himself full of love and faithfulness. After all, they are His children first.

With joy,

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Monthly Mentions

We are still in need of teachers and assistants for Summer Sunday school. If you can lend a hand on the following dates, please contact Jill at 288-1911. August 1, 8, 15, 29 teach K—5th, August 1, 8, 15, 29 assist K—5th, August 15 teach Toddler & PreK.

Don't forget to bring in small toys, personal hygiene products, crayons, coloring books, books, etc...Operation Christmas Child. We're collecting items to be packaged in September during our month of missions.

Please consider teaching Sunday School or Supervising this academic year. It's one of the most rewarding ways to serve St. Matthew's. Contact Jill for more information—288-1911.

Nursery Schedule

	Date	Infants	Toddlers	Preschoolers
Thank you to all from the congregation, as well as all the parents who have selflessly offered their time to care for our younger parishioners.	August 1	Megan Lloyd Chris Lloyd	Adrian Hudgins Susan Harrison	Stacy Relyea Bob Relyea
	8	Holly Curell Ken Curell	Heather Creswick Tom Veech	Linda Wilson Wendell Wilson
	15	Elizabeth Spadea John Spadea	Wynn Burr Blake Burr	Natalie Axtell Cliff Axtell
	22	Carol Grainger	Gretchen DeFrancesco	Bethany Piersol
If you would like to be included on the schedule, call Jill at 288-1911.		Nancy Knight	Todd DeFrancesco	Jake Piersol
	29*	Ann Brown Boyd Brown	Lee West Kaki Vint	Kate Garitz Shawn Garitz

*No Sunday School. Please report for duty at 10:15