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But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!”

“Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

Luke 10:40—42

I’ve been feeling a little Martha-esque these days. So much to do—figuring out a new job, a new school year for my boys, a new volleyball season, fitting in football games and family visits...All great things, but just a lot. I feel like I’m so busy trying to be a wife, mom, daughter, church staff member, that I’m more wrapped up in the “doing” instead of “being”.

I don't think I'm alone in this. Soccer and football schedules keep families on the run. Add in school events and family get-togethers. I know we're all trying to do our best and give our children every opportunity possible.

But it's exhausting.

And it keeps us too busy to hear God.

God being God, he waits for us. He longs for us. He loves us. Because of his love for us, he calls our attention to our lack of attention to the things that matter. Like Martha, we go a thousand miles a minute “all for him.” But he wants us to be Mary, to love him more than the stuff of life. He wants us to give him our focus along with our love.

My challenge to you (and to myself) is to pause for a few minutes each morning and night. Just sit and be ready to listen. Perhaps, in those quiet moments, he will have something wonderful to tell you or want to hear what's on your heart. Or maybe he'll call you to rest and be quiet because he knows that what you need is that moment of stillness with him.

Joyfully yours,

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Monthly Mentions

Do you remember being in Sunday School as a child? Maybe that one teacher that made you feel extra special? Guess what? Now is your chance to be that teacher. We are in need of Sunday school teachers for all ages (Toddler through High School). Please prayerfully consider whether or not you should give it a whirl. Call Jill if you're interested, 288-1911.

******* Sunday School/ Children's Choir Registration Forms**—Please fill them out and return them to Jill. We're trying to reduce the amount of forms we send out and create a database. Thanks for your help in this.

Children's Church begins September 18 & is in need of extra hands to help out. If interested, call Megan Lloyd at 217-7892.

Trunk or Treat, October 29, 3—5 pm. Games, treats, pizza and a cupcake walk! This is a great time to bring your friends to St. Matthew's. Want to help out, give Bethany Piersol a call at 523-3698.

Nursery Schedule

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.

If you would like to be included on the schedule, call Jill at 288-1911.

Date	Infants	Toddlers	Preschoolers
October 2	Lynda Jenkins	Alison Barnes Matt Barnes	Ann Brown Boyd Brown
9	Heidi Wilkins Chris Wilkins	Megan Lloyd Chris Lloyd	Kaki Vint Jacob Rich
16	Pam Roach Lynda Jenkins	January Britt Jeff Britt	Katie Musick Bert Musick
23		Holly Curell Ken Curell	Stacy Relyea Bob Relyea
30		Heather Creswick Tom Veech	Wynn Burr Blake Burr