

April 2019

The Messenger

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me." -Isaiah 6:8

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For those of us who live in the Thompson region, it has been a hard winter...lots of snow, long winter nights, worship services cancelled on account of weather. We are **all** ready for spring. Even as we begin to have warmer sunshine and more daylight, we have seen our brothers and sisters to the south struggling with flooding and we worry and wonder about our own potential for flooding as the snow melts.

But in the midst of it all, there are signs of hope. Birds are now singing in the mornings, the voices of children can be heard laughing outside again; as bikes are brought out for the first time this year, and basketballs can be heard once again bouncing on the driveway. In worship, we are almost halfway through Lent already, and there has begun to be talk of Easter flowers and Easter Sunday and the joy that brings.

Hope is all around us friends, sometimes we just need the reminder. The joy and excitement of everyone in town as our boys headed out and won the Class B Boys Basketball State Tournament has continued. We can look at this next generation of youth, both boys and girls and be so excited about the leaders that they have already become. We can learn from them how to welcome all as part of our family. There is joy abundant in the lives they are living.

This April at Saint Matthew's, we have some joy filled events planned for you as well... from our Family Bunco Day on April 7th to our 6th Annual God's Work Our Hands Day on April 28th, the month is filled with opportunities for you to come and celebrate together the love of God and the hope that is found in this community.

One of my favorite authors, Joyce Rupp talks about hope this way: "Hope is not just one single quality or promise. Hope has to do with believing beyond today – knowing there's a garden of beauty that awaits me."

There is a garden of beauty that awaits us all my friends. For Jesus doesn't stay dead on the cross. He rises again and brings us eternal life with him-where we get a chance to walk with him forever in his love and grace.

Until Easter comes...may you hold onto hope. And should you struggle to find it, come and hear, come and see, come and know that God loves you more than anything.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Amy

LYO-Youth Group

Youth Group Students – Thank you to all youth group students and parents who made soup and bars for the soup supper on March 27th. It was all very good. We will resume LYO again on April 24th, which is after Lenten season. It is hard to believe we only have two more LYO sessions for the school year. Thank you again to the congregation for the continued support of our Youth who have been confirmed. We have had a fantastic group of students this year that attend regularly. We think we will have some future leaders for our congregation!!!



NEW MEMBER SUNDAY will be held on April 7th. If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining St. Matthew's please have them fill out the New Member Form (found on our web page) and return it to the church office. We'd love to have them!!

Education

Our education team is still looking for a few members to [join our team](#)! Let Bre know if you'd like more info! An exciting time is coming for our [3-year old](#) littles who will be getting a letter in the mail to join us at Sunday School for April & May to experience what Sunday School is like!

Are you interested in [bible camp this summer](#)? Send an email to breberberich@gmail.com and we'll get you information!

April Dates to remember!

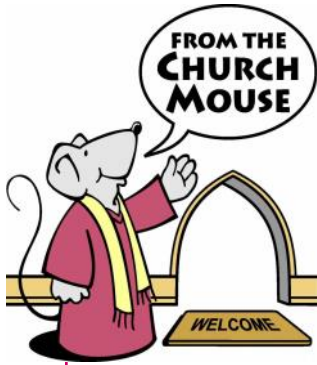
- ⇒ Kids sing in church – April 14
- ⇒ 1st communion retreat – April 14 at 3 pm
- ⇒ 1st Communion – April 18 at 7 pm
- ⇒ No Sunday School – April 21
- ⇒ God's Work Our Hands – April 28

Mark your calendars for May!

Last day of Sunday School & Kids sing in church – May 12

Like us on Facebook to stay up-to-date with St Matthew's Education happenings - [@stmatthewseducation](#)





Thank you to everyone who is a part of the ministry at Saint Matthew's! Here are a few folks we would like to say a special thank you to this month! We apologize if we miss anyone!

- All those who helped with fish fries and pie sales
- John S for organizing Men's Fish Fries again this year
- Deb D., Chris D., and Dara F for teaching confirmation this year!
- Val U for making communion bread

Thanks to all who are making a difference! We appreciate you!



Join us for Friday Lenten Fish Fry!

The Men in Mission will once again be hosting the Fish Fry every other Friday during Lent. The Fridays that we will be hosting at Saint Matthew's are: **March 29, and April 12.** Food served will be: Walleye Fillet, Baked Potatoes, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Ice Cream, and a Beverage. Grab your friends and neighbors and come join the fun!

Do you like to bake? Or shop? **We need folks to bring pies for upcoming fish fries on March 29, and April 12.** If you can help talk to Sarah Krogfoss, or sign up on the bulletin board today! Pie will also be for sale to top off your delicious fish dinner for \$2 a slice.



Ongoing Ministries

MEN IN MISSION

St. Matthew's men gather each Sunday morning at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall for a chance to chat, drink coffee and learn together. Their topics of discussion vary. New folks are always welcome to join them.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

This gathering is open to anyone, and meets at 7:00 am on Wednesdays in the Sanctuary. This group spends time in responsive prayer, and then enjoys

a cup of coffee as well. They are off to work by 7:30 am. Come and join us as a great way to focus midweek!

WINE, WOMEN & THE WORD

The next gathering of Wine, Women, and the Word will be on April 23 at 6:30 pm at Ruby Tuesday in Grand Forks. This relaxed group of gals meets once a month for dinner, conversation, and bible study. New folks are always welcome to join us!

WELCA BIBLE STUDY This group takes turns hosting in homes for an evening of desert, coffee and Bible Study. Currently they are working through the book "Finding Rest in a Busy World." **WELCA Bible Study will meet Monday, April 15 at Mary Loing and Ruth Waller's House.** For a copy of the book they are studying, contact the church office at 599-2081.



HOW CAN I HELP?

MOBILE PACK!!

Happens on: Sunday, April 28 from 10am-12pm. Bus will leave the church at 9:30 and return by 12:30. Lunch will be served upon return.

Takes place at: Minnkota Power, 5301 32nd Ave S, Grand Forks

Participants: Ages 5 and up can participate. Children must have a parent or other adult present to attend.

Sign Up: contact Julie Brorby at 701-740-2906 or jbrorby60@hotmail.com . We need your name,

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WE WANT YOUR DIMES!!

Feed My Starving Children will be collecting dimes until April 21st to donate to the Mobile Packing Event in Grand Forks. We are trying to fill 2 mason jars with dimes. Two filled jars will raise over \$500 and provide more than 2,272 meals. Please check your pockets and purses and leave us your dimes. Thank you!!



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CARAMEL ROLLS!!

FMSC will be making caramel rolls on April 14th. If anyone wants to order unbaked rolls for Easter, they are \$10 a pan, please contact Julie Brorby at 701-740-2906 or jbrorby60@hotmail.com





Come join in the fun and

Paint Your Heart Out: Celebrating Church Together

This is a fun afternoon, **Sunday May 5, 2019 from 4:30-6:30 pm**, for all ages as we pray and create visual expression on canvas. These pieces of work will be displayed as part of a special Art Exhibit at our next Synod Assembly! All supplies are provided. Registration is **FREE** but it is **REQUIRED**. To Register, visit: www.eandsynod.org and click on the "Paint Your Heart Out" event banner. Find the date/location, click the link to sign up. You can also call the church office at 701-599-2081.



WELCA has put together a great team of riders for the Spin for Kids event on Saturday, April 13th. Our team is sponsoring a **BAKE SALE on Sunday, April 7th** to further benefit this wonderful cause. Please plan to join us after worship to enjoy some treats and help out local children! Who benefits from Spin for Kids? Families with children who have special needs often face lifelong medical bills and expenses. Children grow and change

very quickly, and the equipment they need must change with them. Insurance does not always cover these costs; this is where Spin for Kids comes in. Money raised by Spin for Kids is disbursed to qualifying families to help them obtain the equipment, therapy, and services they need.

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TREATS OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT SPIN FOR KIDS PLEASE CONTACT SARAH KROGFOSS AT 218-791-4216 OR sarahkrogfoss@icloud.com.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



If reading in church, ushering or assisting with communion isn't "your thing", we would welcome a few dozen cookies or a pan of bars to share during fellowship after the service.

April

Steph Albin Family
Adam & Jen Bohlman Family
Trinity Bohlman Family
Nathan & Bre Berberich Family
Travis & Deann Dearing Family
Deb DeMoe Family
Blake & Gretchen Guetter Family
Marc & Beth Kurz Family
Leann Novak Family
Derek & Stacy Plautz Family
Randy & Becky Bohlman

May

Justin & Amy Bergeron Family
Roger & Sharon Gustafson
Ron & Krista Kornkven Family
Neil & Kay Lindell
Brue Loyland
Roy & Sandra Olson
Vaughn & Linda Quern
Alex & Jen Starcevic Family
Mike Sundberg Family
Chuck & Kara Welke Family
Troy & Sheila Wilson Family



Join us April 7th, 2019 @ 11:00 am for Fellowship, Food & Family Bunco! Sloppy Joe's, Chips, Bars, and Lemonade will be provided. Tables will be set up to start playing Bunco @ 11:30am—prizes will be awarded for Most Bunco's, Most Wins, Last Bunco, 50/50 (equal wins/losses), and Most Losses.

Properties

Think Spring!! Even with all the snow still sitting around, it's not too early to think about helping with the mowing this summer!! Contact Duane for more information.

701-215-1809 or dnaas@sterlingcarpetone.com



And God said, "Let there be lights
in the expanse of the heavens to
separate the day from the night.
And let them be for signs and for
seasons, and for days and years."
Genesis 1:14

Pastor Amy's Office Hours for April:

Monday: 10:00 am-Noon at
Bully Brew South (except for
April 22 when offices are
closed)

Tuesday: 10:00 am-Noon

Wednesday 7:30-9:30 am,
6:00-8:00 pm

Thursday Pastor's Day Off

Friday: Office Hours by Appointment



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Happy Birthday in April!!

- 1 Brooke Grey
- 2 Landon Geatz, Cassandra Hovet
- 3 Kacey Munson, Kara Welke
- 4 Dena Hegg
- 5 Tracie Ivesdal
- 6 Gary Welsh
- 7 Scott Peterson, Junelle Hjelmstad
- 10 Stacie Avdem, Earl Haugen,
Jerod Lupien, Nancy Morgan
- 11 Claire Herland
- 12 Christopher Deitz, Brady Wilson,
Alivia Wyatt
- 13 McKenzie Johnson
- 14 Danean Landa, Connor Praska
- 16 Brian Muhs
- 17 Newell Ueland
- 20 Charla Peterson
- 23 Scott Landa, Jakob Starcevic,
Mack Starcevic
- 24 Haven Deitz
- 25 Ava Anderson, Julie Brorby,
Stacy Plautz
- 26 Cody Wilson
- 27 Trinity Bohlman
- 28 Blair Peterson
- 29 Jamie Bischoff, Isabelle Kadrmas



UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

February Council Meeting-Held March 3, 2019

Present: James Thorson, Scott Kuster, Tracie Ivesdal, Paul Strande, Duane Naas, Sarah Krogfoss, Bre Berberich, Chelsea Lupien, Deb DeMoe, Pastor Amy Eisenmann

Absent: Angie Muhs

Meeting called to order at 12:30 pm.

Meeting agenda was shared. Deb moved to approve the agenda, Paul seconded, MPU.

Minutes from January Council meeting were shared. Paul moved to approve the minutes, Scott seconded, MPU.

Financial Report:

As of latest report, General Checking has \$4,937.12. Special Funds Checking has \$29,066.53. General Income was \$8,107.28. Total Expenses was \$11,970.46. Leaving a Net Income of \$-3,863.18.

There was discussion about some funds that are no longer being used (ie Houston 2018, Sound System Fund, etc). There was discussion about possibly combining the Bible Camp Fundraiser Fund and the Education Special Fund. Also discussed was what is still needed from the Sound System Fund.

Scott moved to combine the Ski Trip and Houston 2018 into the Youth Team Fund, and to eliminate the Sound System Fund once the funds were liquidated. Duane seconded, MPU.

Paul moved to approve the financials as amended. Sarah seconded. MPU

Calendar Review:

Paul mentioned that the LYO youth will be serving dinner at the Mission on March 31. The Ski Trip was cancelled for lack of participants. There was a question about end times for events. They can be found on the online calendar. The next council meeting will be April 7 at 11:30 am.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Amy reminded the teams that if they would like her input at a meeting to please let her know in advance so that she can be present. The rest of Pastor's report in written form can be found in the minutes'

binder in the church office.

WELCA/Men's Club Report:

Donuts sales have been well received. Pie sales are coming during the Men's Fish Frys. WELCA gave \$1250 to the new monitor in the sanctuary, as well as donating to CVIC. WELCA is also organizing a Spin for Kids Group to benefit Pediatric Therapy.

The first fish fry for the men is March 15. We are short of adult helpers. The Cub Scouts will be coming to help that evening. Men's Club will pay the remaining balance on the new monitor in the sanctuary. They also paid for the LYO meal in February.

Team Reports:

Exec-No meeting yet, no report.

Education-Bre reported that she met with Pastor Amy to talk through education ideas. They are working on adding a parent to the team for each grade. They have put in a deposit with Park River for VBS in August, and will be looking for host families for the VBS leaders.

Fellowship-Chelsea reported that she will be meeting with Sara Munson to discuss the 2 upcoming events that had been planned prior to her taking over the team. She is interested in hearing what others would like to have as fellowship events, and is working on building the team.

Outreach-Sarah reported that Frozen Fest had a great turn out, especially considering the weather! Frozen Fest raised \$138.40 for Feed My Starving Children. The Education Team won the Golden Ladle for the soup competition. The Outreach Team has provided 2 riders for Spin for Kids and is sponsoring those riders. God's Work Our Hands Day will be April 28 this year. A Valentine's Day Tree has been in the Narthex to help bring in supplies for the GWOH day projects.

Food Pantry-Sarah reported that The Food Pantry Board will be meeting on March 25. They reached out to Thompson and Central Valley schools and caught up families that were behind on their school lunch bills. They also paid an extra \$20 in to the lunch accounts for those in need.

Property-Duane said a new code will be placed on the outside doors. Contact the church office if you need the new code. There was discussion about what tables and chairs could be rented for Graduation weekend.

Worship-Deb reported that there is need for people to step up in worship assisting, especially during the Lent and Holy Week seasons. Thanks to all those who help in worship.

Youth-Paul reported that LYO met two times in February. They made tie blankets for community members in need. For March they have moved LYO Sunday to March 10. They will serve soup supper on March 27 and are helping serve food at the Mission on March 31. They introduced the Financial Peace for Teens class to the teens and have 23 or 24 youth interested in taking the course. They are looking for a date when the

course might be offered.

Old Business:

Church Check Up-Info on the responses to the church check up will be coming to council binders. Please keep these responses in mind as we move into the future.

Youth Team Credit Card-The Youth Team Credit Card has been received and authorized.

New Business:

Election of Additional Positions-Some positions were not brought up at the Annual Meeting for voting. The following have been suggested: Audit Team-Kory Sondreal, Valley Memorial Board Member-Sharon Gustafson, Valley Memorial Voting Delegates-Kay Lindell and Kevin Cooper, Synod Assembly Representatives-James and Suzy Thorson. Deb moved for all to be elected. Scott seconded. MPU. We are still looking for members for the nominating team.

Additional Monitor-Will be placed on back wall of sanctuary for those leading worship to be able to see screens.

Audit Review-Moving into 2019, any additional church property over \$250 should be included in the property list which was already begun for electronics in the building. Vione has a list in her office, please add to it as needed. Audit Team also asked for more realistic budgeting for what income is.

Adobe-Pastor Amy has been paying for Adobe software out of pocket. She asked that now that Vione needs the software as well the church pay for it. The suggestion was made to pay for Adobe out of what is left in the Sound System fund.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 1:35 pm.

Next Meeting April 7, 11:30 am.

Holy Week and Easter Services



7 am Sunrise Worship

Easter Breakfast Served 8 am-10 am

Holy Week Schedule:

Maundy Thursday
7 pm Worship

Good Friday
Noon Kids Good Friday Event
7 pm Worship

Easter
10 am Festival Worship

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Welcome to worship

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School at 9 a.m.

Address service requested



Come and join us for a day of service to the community! Sunday, April 28 there will be projects for all ages!

9:00 am Sunday School Projects

9:25 am Bus leaves for Mobile Food Pack

10:00 am Hands on Projects for All Ages begin!

11:00 Lunch for those working in the building to celebrate how God can work through each of us!

12:30 Lunch for those who worked at the Mobile Food Pack.

Members and friends of St. Matt's are welcome to come join the fun!