

August 2022

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church  
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# The Messenger

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*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*

## **Update from the Call Committee.....**

**Our Ministry Site Profile was approved and we have officially begun the call process. We looked into a potential TEEM candidate and decided not to go that route, so have started receiving Rostered Minister Profiles from pastors who are interested in our church!**

**If anyone has pastors they would like to nominate for consideration, please email those names to [stmatthewscallcommittee1@gmail.com](mailto:stmatthewscallcommittee1@gmail.com) by Friday, August 12th. Due to confidentiality reasons, please do not reach out to those pastors yourself, but rather send us the name and we will forward it on to Pastor Brad who will then contact the potential candidate to determine interest.**

**We ask for your continued prayers during this process of finding the best pastor for St. Matthew's.**

**Blessings and Peace,  
The Call Committee**

# Faith Formation



## Vacation Bible School

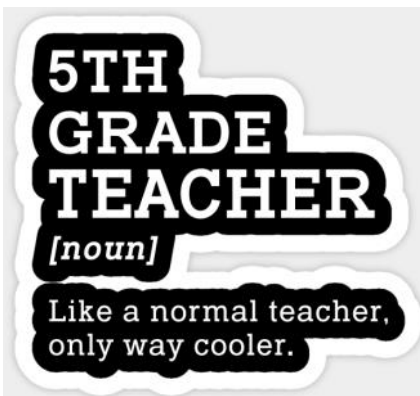
begins this Sunday, July 31 and goes through  
Tuesday, August 2nd!

Park River Bible Camp/Red Willow Ministries will be  
with us once again hosting our Bible School activities.

**Sunday July 31—10:00am** —the fun begins as  
children and their families are invited to enjoy worship with the staff of Park  
River Bible Camp. Bible School continues until 3pm this day.

**Monday, August 1—9:00am-3:00pm** Don't forget to pack your lunch  
for the day. Snacks will be provided.

**Tuesday, August 2—9:00am-3:00pm** Once again pack your lunch,  
snacks will be provided. Families are welcome to join us for a program in the  
afternoon. More details will be sent home with your children.



## We know you're out there!!!

We are still needing a teacher for 5th grade  
Sunday School Class. Please contact Sarah  
Krogfoss for more information 218-791-4216.



## Join us in our Confirmation Journey!!

We are in need of 2 confirmation teachers  
this year. Please contact Sarah Krogfoss  
218-791-4216 for more information.



Save the Date  
September 18

**Vacation Bible School kicked off with some slipping and sliding!  
Fun times were had by all!!!**



# Worship

We hope everyone is spending the summer visiting friends and relatives, watching our young people participate in summer activities and enjoying the warm weather!

A Big Thank You to everyone who helped as worship assistants this summer!  
You are all so appreciated!

Sue and Val



## August

Ryan Avdem & Trish Mikelson Family  
Michelle & Sean Burger Family  
Tony & Christina Connole Family  
Bob & Heather Foote and Adalee  
Brian & Angie Muhs Family  
Gary & Mary Welsh

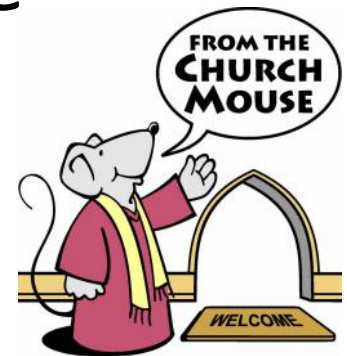
## September

Neil & Kami Danner Family  
Josh & Dara Faul Family  
Jessica Haugen Family  
Brandon & Leigh Laroque Family  
Dianne Lundgren  
Scott & Charla Peterson Family  
Paul & Heidi Strande Family

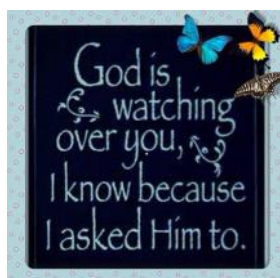
# From the Church Mouse

Thank you to everyone for your helping hands. We apologize if we missed anyone, know that you are all appreciated!

- \* To our summer worship readers.
- \* To Sue & Val for the extra work in finding worship assistants.
- \* Duane & Chris N for the extra cleanings and set up.
- \* Sarah K for organizing Vacation Bible School and preparing for Sunday School and Confirmation.
- \* Roger G for keeping us weed free.



Together we can do God's  
Work with Our Hands!





# COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Meeting was not held during the month of July. The next meeting will be August 21.

## **WELCA Backpack Program**



### Ready to Adopt-a-Backpack!

Super easy, provide a monetary donation and we'll do the shopping for your backpack and deliver to the school for the student to have when they arrive for the Back-to-School kick off night on August 16! We will be assisting 10 students at the Thompson Public School with their back-to-school needs!

Ready to donate? Contact Bre Berberich at Church on Sunday 701.740.3207 or [welca.stmatts@gmail.com](mailto:welca.stmatts@gmail.com) to arrange your donation! We'd like all donations received by August 14!

## **Ongoing Ministries**

### **MEN IN MISSION**

St. Matthew's men gather each Sunday morning at 9 am for a chance to chat and learn together. Their topics of discussion vary, but new folks are always welcome to join them.

### **WELCA BIBLE STUDY**

This group meets from September thru May. Stay tuned for the fall dates.

# Happy Birthday in August!

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|---|---------------------------------|
| 1 Brynlie Jallo                           | 14 Hannah Ackerman, Sam Landa   |
| 2 Michael Benoit, Warren Bakke            | 15 Morgan Muhs, Brian Overby    |
| 3 Roger Gustafson, Hunter Novak, Dawn Zak | 17 Acen Everett                 |
| 4 Carly Berberich                         | 18 Paula Amborn                 |
| 5 Seth Arntz, Angie Laxdal                | 20 Blake Guetter, Nathan Berger |
| 6 Trent Ivesdal, Paul Strande             | 21 Donna Gunderson              |
| 7 Ryan Strande, Bill Widman               | 24 Leigh LaRoque                |
| 8 Bethany Kurz                            | 25 Stephanie Anderson           |
| 9 Rick Herland, Addysen Lopez             | 26 Cami Stevens                 |
| 10 Daniel Mayers, Eli Schumacher          | 28 Angie Praska                 |
| 12 Lonni Peterson                         | 31 Maxx Albin, Deb DeMoe        |



## Thompson Food Pantry

The Thompson Food Pantry is open on Tuesday, August 9th from 11am-1pm, and Tuesday, August 23rd from 6pm-8pm. The pantry serves the communities of Thompson, Buxton, and Reynolds. For more information on the pantry, talk to Mary Mitchell 701-599-2870 or Paul Galegher 701-741-1375

As summer is nearing its end, take some time to reflect on the blessings that God has given you. Take some time to reflect on the challenges that God has brought you through. Take some time to reflect on how God has been active in the world around you, take some time to thank God for how He has been at work and to where He might be leading you.

Is God encouraging you to step into something new? Is God challenging you? Is God speaking to you? Are you taking the time to listen?

If you've read through the newsletter to this point, you know there are some wonderful opportunities here at St. Matthew's. Listen, pray, reflect; this just might be where God is leading you.

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**Welcome to worship**

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.  
In Person and live on our YouTube Channel  
VBS July 31-August 2

Address service requested

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