

December 2022

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church  
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# 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*

## *Welcome New Members!!!*

A **warm welcome** to the following new members of St. Matthew's! We are happy to have you join our congregation! If there is anyone who has been attending St. Matthew's and would like to "officially" become a member, please reach out to Vione Jordheim, John Schumacher or Beth Kurz.



Justin Bergeron (joined December 2021); Carrie, Dalton, Greta, Dan and Ella Herrig (joined September 2022); Austin, Knox and Kaitlin Atkinson (joined November 2022);

not pictured: Sharon Eichhorst (joined July 2022); Ryan and Tammy Uhing, Jocelynn and Charlie (joined August 2022)

# CHRIST

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## **Education News**

We have begun practicing for the Christmas program! Each Sunday from now until the Christmas program we will be practicing songs and going over lines. If you are on our Sunday school email list you have received links to the songs in order to practice at home or while you are driving in the car. We are so grateful for any time that is taken to practice outside of Sunday school. If you are not on the Sunday school email list please email Sarah at [sarahkrogfoss@icloud.com](mailto:sarahkrogfoss@icloud.com) and she will get you on it!



## **Important Upcoming Dates -**

- \*Morning Practice for Christmas Program - Saturday, December 17th - 10am - 12pm
- \*Christmas Program - Sunday, December 18th during worship at 10am.
- \*Christmas Break - 12/19/22 - 01/08/23
- \*Sunday school Resumes - 01/08/23



St. Matthew's and St. Jude's churches will once again sponsor the Angel Tree project this Christmas season. This project distributes Christmas gifts to families in need from the surrounding community. Members are asked to pick an angel from the tree at the church or on the SignUp Genius link that has been emailed to you and provided on the St. Matthew's Facebook page.

Please sign up for any "angel tags" you would like to purchase. You may take more than one. Gifts are due at the church by DECEMBER 11th and should be wrapped. **Please securely attach a tag or card that contains the Angel number that you picked (i.e. 10-6T).** Thank you so much for supporting our Angel Tree project again this year. Your help is very much appreciated!

If you know of someone in our community who should be included in the Angel Tree Project this Christmas season, please contact Julie Brorby (701-740-2906) or Rita West (701-213-7275). All names are kept confidential.

# Ongoing Ministries

## MEN IN MISSION

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

## WELCA BIBLE STUDY

This group meets at the church on the 3rd Monday of the month for Bible Study. Their next gathering will be Monday, December 19th at 10:00am. All are welcome!



The Outreach Team would like to **THANK** everyone who purchased caramel rolls during our recent fundraising event. We raised over \$400, which will be used to support the **Feed My Starving Children** program.

**Stay tuned for future caramel roll Sundays!**

## ST. MATTHEW'S LEADERSHIP

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## Happy Birthday in December!

- 2 LeeAnn Novak, Brock Vaagene
- 3 Susan Dobmeier, Jamie Turano
- 4 Neil Lindell
- 5 Corbin Peterson
- 6 Jim Hanson
- 8 Ellie Schultz, Heidi Strande, Jada Welke
- 9 Larry Eliason
- 10 Penny Tomanek
- 11 Ryan Welsh, Max Zammert
- 12 Weston Lupien  
River Derosier, Whitney Everett,
- 13 Mike Zak, Christopher Staveteig, Jettie Strand
- 15 Tanya Barker, Emma Wilson
- 16 Mike Brorby
- 17 Jason Bischoff, Addison Deitz, Avery Deitz, Ashlyn Deitz,
- 19 Ashley Potter
- 20 Kenley Beaudry, Mark Hagen, Shelby Mayers
- 21 Caden Kurz
- 22 Dara Faul, Kaja Starcevic
- 24 Bryn Adams
- 25 Jonathan Dobmeier
- 27 Sheila Wilson, Blake Riewer
- 28 Annistyn Laxdal
- 29 Robert Hodek
- 30 Kameron Anderson
- 31 Nolan Bergeron





The Food Pantry is open during December on Tuesday, December 13th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm and on Tuesday, December 27th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

If you or someone you know could use the assistance of the Food Pantry, please let them know or come to the Food Pantry during their open hours.



**Neil Lindell is going to be celebrating his 90th birthday and you are ALL invited! Join us for cupcakes, coffee and lemonade and bring a story to share!!**

**Sunday, December 4 from 11:00—2:00**

**in Fellowship Hall**

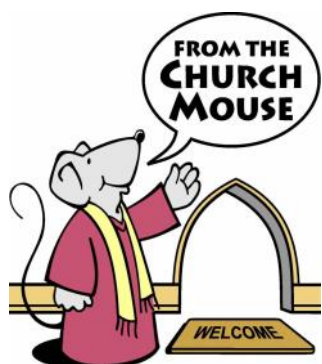


### *December 2022*

Josh & Tanya Barker Family  
Todd & Sarah Fee Family  
Travis & Brook Fretheim Family  
Chelsea Lupien & Astasia  
Damon & Bridget Pearson Family  
John & Jill Schumacher Family

### *January 2023*

Tony & Paula Amborn  
Paul & Brooke Bakke Family  
Jesse & Megan Kadrmas Family  
Sarah Krogfoss & Charlie  
Kelby & Angie Laxdal Family  
Derek & Bobbi Sondreal Family  
Kory & Susie Sondreal



Thank you to everyone who is a part of the ministry at St. 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!

- Sarah K for organizing the Children's Christmas program.
- All the Food Pantry workers for your hard work in running the Food Pantry and organizing the Thanksgiving baskets!
- All those who provided pies for Thanksgiving Eve worship and fellowship.
- The Worship Team for decorating the church for the Christmas season.
- Bill M for helping with the food donation sorting.
- Central Valley HS, Minnkota Power, Senior Citizens, Confirmation Classes and the THS Red Ribbon program for their contributions and donations to the Food Pantry.
- Scott K for providing the yummy treats.
- John S and Sue S for joining in the baptism celebration.
- Gary W for removing snow and keeping the parking lot walkable.
- Men's Group for moving tables and chairs.

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

**If you've noticed a glow coming from the Fellowship Hall, its the floors!! They have been shined and are ready for the Holidays!!**  
**Thank you Duane!**



Congratulations to Tony and Christina Connole on the baptism of their daughter Morgan Shay.

Morgan was baptized on November 19th. Her sponsors are Patty Connole, Matt Kubinec, Bethany Murch, and Doug Murch.

**Welcome into our family Morgan!**





## St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church

### Council Meeting

**Date:** November 20, 2022

**In Attendance:** Duane Naas, John Schumacher, Ryan Welsh, Justin Bergeron, Sue Simon, Sara Munson, Beth Kurz, Chelsea Lupien

**Absent:** Sarah Krogfoss

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by John Schumacher at 8:35.

**Agenda Approval:** John Schumacher added Christmas Program and Christmas bonus to employees to new business. Justin Bergeron added donation requests. Duane Naas motioned, Sue Simon seconded to approve the agenda with additions. MPU

**Minutes Approval:** Ryan Welsh motioned, Justin Bergeron seconded to approve the minutes. MPU

### Financial Reports:

Financial Reports Summary	September	October
	2022	2022
General Giving Income	\$8,509	\$9,611
Year-to-Date Net Income*	\$8,081	\$9,262
General Giving Checking Account	\$24,612	\$25,302
Special Giving Checking Account	\$34,743	\$36,028
Line of Credit	\$0	\$0

Justin mentioned that teams should just be watching their budgets and be aware of where they are at.

**Approval:** Robyn Bohlman motioned, Sara Munson seconded to approve financial. MPU

### Calendar Review:

### Pastor's Report

**Men's Club & WELCA report:** WELCA is taking care of pies for after Thanksgiving eve services.

### Team Reports:

*Executive Team:* We have an applicant who is interested in the bookkeeping position. Will be discussed in new business.

*Education:* Sarah Krogfoss – nothing

*Fellowship: Sara Munson* – nothing

*Outreach: Beth Kurz* – Caramel rolls Sunday went well. Working on angel tree. New members Sunday is today.

*Food Pantry:* nothing

*Properties: Duane Naas-* Floors look great!

*Worship: Sue Simon*– The youth have really stepped up and volunteered which is much appreciated.

*Youth: Chelsea Lupien*– talking about meeting just once a month. Trouble getting help.

*Ruby's Pantry:* good turnout – but less than expected this month. Dollar General dropped some items off – will probably include in Angel Tree gifts.

*Call Committee:* They were given 1 name.

### **Old Business**

Bid from HB Light & Sound – received bid. Beth Kurz moved we use the money in sound system acct, and if needed move money from unspecified memorials and misc income. Rest will come from properties budget. Ryan Welsh seconded. MPU

Job Descriptions & applicant: Have an applicant that is interested in the office position. John Schumacher will meet with the applicant soon.

### **New Business**

Christmas Eve services & time: Pastor John is ok with doing 2 Christmas Eve services. Could have the 5:00 service and the 2<sup>nd</sup> service at 7:00. Will give Pastor John option if going to have same service for both then go to just 1 service. There will be no service on Christmas Day. Christmas program is on December 18 – that will be the service that day.

Annual meeting date – January 29<sup>th</sup> -if storm day is needed it will be following Sunday.

Giving statement: Council decided nothing will be mailed out before end of year – if people want to know where they are at they can contact the church office. The statements will be sent out after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

Donation requests: Was decided to leave donating up to the Men's Club, WELCA and Ruby's Pantry.

Bonus' for church employees -Robyn Bohlman motioned that we get \$50 gift cards for Vione, Jamie and Duane-Beth Kurz second.

John Schumacher reported there has been discussion with a Pastor about signing an 18 month commitment – 4/5th time pastor. Council agreed would be good fit – handing to call committee to discuss and make decision.

Next meeting- December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Motion to adjourn made by Sue Simon, seconded by Robyn Bohlman. MPU

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn Bohlman



Make your voice heard and plan to attend the  
**Annual Meeting**  
**January 29, 2023**  
**following worship**

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## Welcome to worship

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Education Hour Sundays at 9:00am

All Services Live on our YouTube Channel

Address service requested



Join us as we celebrate the Christmas Season!

*Children's Christmas Program:*  
December 18—10:00 am

*Christmas Eve Worship Service:*  
5 pm-Worship Service with Candlelight  
10 pm-Worship Service with Candlelight

*There will be no worship service on Sunday, December 25*