

February 2020

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

To the People of Saint Matthew's,

Thank you so much for the beautiful sending service you gave me and my family. From the video of all the things we have done together (that we got to see in worship), to the wonderful meal after worship, to the framed art pieces that now hang in my new office at Bethlehem, it was a morning where I felt your love and appreciation deeply. Thank you for the seven years that we had together to learn, to love and to care for our community. Thank you for calling me as your pastor. As you begin taking the next steps on your journey, know that my prayers remain with you. I am so thankful for your continued work in the gospel and that you continue to shine a light of grace and welcome in the Thompson area. I hope we can keep in touch (the church office has my contact information), and I wish you many blessings as you begin the work to call your next pastor! Thank you again for everything! And I truly thank God for each and every one of you! May God bless you and keep you today and always!

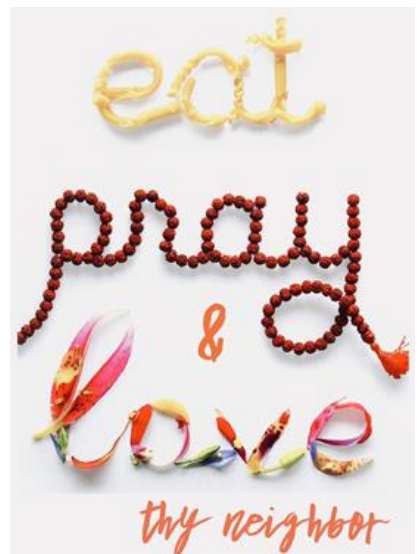
Grace and peace,

Pastor Amy

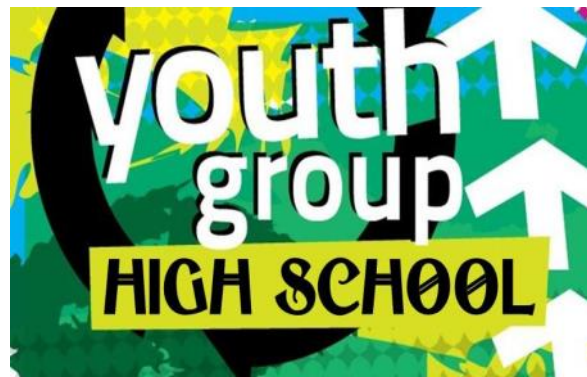
Greetings from the Vitality Team!

We are excited to announce that we have an event coming up on Sunday, February 23rd! Our event will take place in lieu of worship and will be a great way for all of us to come together for some uplifting prayer, fellowship and outreach opportunities! The event will be titled: 'Eat, Pray, & Love Thy Neighbor'. We will start out with a big, beautiful breakfast! We will then have different prayer stations including, but not limited to: praying in color, walking in prayer, make your own prayer beads and stretch and pray. We will also have a station for people to paint prayer rocks to be added to our already growing collection of stones for our prayer labyrinth project which will take place in the spring! As for the 'Love Thy Neighbor' portion of the event, we will have a few Outreach projects and are also hoping to line up transportation for people to visit our shut-ins. If you are interested in being a part of this event in any way, we would most welcome your help! We need cooks, station leaders and transportation for shut-in visits. Stay tuned for further information!

In His Grace,
Sarah Krogfoss, Vitality Team Member



Youth Group



Youth Group Students – LYO will meet on February 5th and 19th. These will be the last times we meet until April 15th due to Lent and Wednesday night soup suppers. In January, our students helped frost and package cookies that were sold at the school to support Hunter Pinke's medical expenses incurred in his skiing accident in December.

Ongoing Ministries

MEN IN MISSION St.

Matthew's men gather each Sunday morning at 9 am in the Rosendal Room 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. 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 February 12 at 6:30pm 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 dessert, coffee and Bible Study. **WELCA Bible Study will meet Monday, February 17 @ 7pm at Kay Lindell's house.** For more information, contact the church office at 599-2081.

Confirmation

The education team is working to make the transition from a Pastor lead Confirmation program, to our team leading. If you have questions, please reach out to Bre Berberich, Team Lead.

There will not be confirmation on February 26, though students should attend Ash Wednesday service in place of their class. A note will be coming to you soon, regarding requirements and retreats.

We will also be sending information out regarding Soup Suppers that take place during lent. Each class and their parents will be asked to provide and serve one meal.

Bre Berberich – 701.740.3207 or
breberberich@gmail.com

26 Ash Wednesday 7 pm

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1 6th-8th Confirmation Retreat

4 Lenten Services, Classes & Mentor Conversations Begin

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Sunday School

Beginning in February, our kids will begin to work on their Sunday School Milestones! We are going to try a little different approach this year with learning about their milestones! We hope to make this a fun learning experience for our kids!

There will be no Sunday School on February 16 and when we return on Feb 23, we hope to have a fun day planned to learn about the upcoming lent season.

Our 5th graders will be bringing home a letter on Sunday as we prepare to begin their 1st Communion courses. You can sign your child up for 1st Communion classes, which will begin in March and take place on Sunday mornings during Sunday School, by emailing breberberich@gmail.com.

Mark your calendars now for the kids to sing in church on March 1!

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16 - No Sunday School
23 - Lent Fun Day

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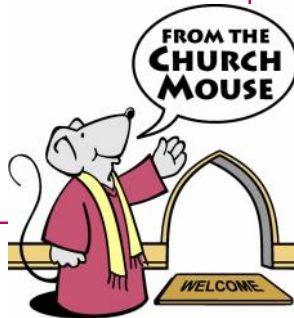
1 - Kids Sing
22 - No Sunday School

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!

The church mouse would like to thank:

- All who purchased Christmas poinsettias
- Roy O for raking snow off the roof
- For Gary W for cleaning the parking lot
- Val U for helping proof bulletins & slides
- Roy O for fixing bathroom fixtures
- Pastor Amy for EVERYTHING!

Thanks to all who participate in the ministry of Saint Matthew's!
We appreciate you!



God is love

*John 15:12: "My command is this:
Love each other as I have loved you."*

Happy Birthday in February

- 1 Charlee Johnson, Summer Pearson
- 3 Samuel Riewer
- 4 Logan Bischoff, Blake Schultz
- 6 Wendy Ackerman
- 7 Boone Guetter
- 9 Nora Berberich
- 10 Tim Hegg
- 15 Carmen Bohlman, Andy Naas
- 17 Lyla Schumacher
- 19 Cathy Buettner-Haugen
Don Mayers
Dave Lopez, Chris Naas,
- 22 Alexander Starcevic,
Kennedy Stevens
- 25 Isaac Riewer, Linda Schumacher
- 28 Jordyn Fossum

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.

February

Dylan & Sara Anderson Family
Mark & Kristie Adams Family
Tony & Paula Amborn Family
Joshua & Tessa Clemetson Family
Tim & Dena Hegg Family
Jon & Junelle Hjelmstad
Jeremy & Beth Hughes
Trent & Tracie Ivesdal Family
Brian & Joey Overby Family
Ashley Breindenbach Family

March

Barry & Cheryl Arntz
Carmen Bohlman
Craig Bohlman
John & Robyn Bohlman Family
Ken & Emily Dobmeier Family
Susan Dobmeier
Scott & Jill Kuster Family
Mickey & Sara Munson Family
Sue Simon
James & Suzy Thorson

Worship

Greetings to All from the Worship Team...

We've entered into another church year after the Annual Meeting. January has been quite a weather ride and I hope that February will bring us nicer weather. On that note, we are in a brief lull until Ash Wednesday service on February 26th. With the Lenten season approaching, please keep in mind that additional service help will be needed.

Thank you in advance for your participation in worship!

Worship Team of Cheryl Widman, Nancy Morgan, and Valorie Uhler



Happy Birthday to All! The Annual Birthday Celebration will be on Sunday, February 9th! Following worship service there will be a celebration for everyone and lots of delicious cakes to sample! All are welcome!

Donut making day is Saturday, February 15! We will be doing pre-sales and also selling fresh donuts that day. The donuts that are left will be sold during Lent at the mens' fish fry suppers. You can call or text Amy Bergeron (701-741-3923) or Sandy Olson (701-891-9975) with any questions.

Thanks you for your help and support to make this WELCA project such a success!





December Council Minutes, 2019

Present: James Thorson, Scott Kuster, Duane Naas, Pastor Amy Eisenmann, Bre Berberich, Angie Muhs, Sarah Krogfoss.

Absent: Valorie Uhlir, Paul Strande, Chelsea Lupien, Tracie Ivesdal.

Meeting called to order at 11:21 AM.

Pastor Amy provided us with devotion and prayer.

Meeting agenda shared. Scott moved to approve the agenda and Bre seconded. Revised agenda to include quilt permit to new business. MPU

Minutes from November council meeting shared.

Bre moved to approve the minutes, Duane seconded, MPU.

Financial Report:

As of latest report, General Checking has \$204.70. Special Funds Checking has \$26,060.46. Line of credit balance is \$12,149.69. Total Expenses was \$13,012.73, leaving a Net income of \$2379.01 and YTD Net loss of \$21,128.25.

Scott made a motion to wait for an updated/corrected financial report prior to approving the financial report. Sarah seconded it. MCU.

Calendar Review:

St. Matt's youth will be singing in church January 05, 2020.

Pastor Amy's farewell celebration January 5, 2020 after church. Desserts needed.

All church birthday party January 19, 2020 after church.

The next council meeting will be January 19, 2020 @ 11:30.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Amy gave her pastor's report from mid-November – mid-December. She is preparing for her move to Iowa as she will be finishing her time on January 05, 2020.

Pastor Amy's full written report can be found in the minutes' binder in the church office.

Men's Club Report: Twenty-six \$50 Hugo's gift cards were donated to the Angel tree. Donated \$250 for socks for kids. Financial Peace University will be starting up soon.

WELCA update: Angel tree was a success. Meeting in January to transition new officers.

Team Reports:

Exec- James – Met December 6. Talked about the formation of call committee. Met with Shar Gumke from the Synod who provided guidance for the council. Advice was to not rush this process. Discussed finalizing the budget. Also discussed open positions for the council.

Education-Bre – Christmas program was a success. Asked to store the risers in the shed. Needs student leaflets. Students will be singing on January 05, 2020.

Fellowship- Chelsea – No report.

Outreach- Sarah- Will provide \$100 for a last minute Angel tree need. Angel tree was a great success.

Food Pantry- Sarah – No update from Kristie. Would like to ask Kristie Adams to attend the council meetings quarterly to provide an update.

Property- Duane – Looking into a new rug for the entryway. General maintenance has been progressing. If any sees items that need repair, please let Duane know and/or fill out a "fix it form" which is located on bulletin board outside of offices.

Worship- Val – Working on gifts for Pastor Amy for celebration Sunday.

Youth- Paul – No report provided. Youth had their Christmas party in December and served at the Mission in GF.

Vitality team- Sarah- Meeting today at 1 PM to talk about the next few months. Faith growth via emailed scriptures. Reading "Liturgy of the Ordinary" and will talk about this today.

Mission: Deepen our faith in mission by discerning, sharing, and building our faith practices in order to encourage enthusiastic involvement.

Old Business:

Nothing

New Business

Pastor Amy has 8 days of vacation remaining. Discussed paying out vacation out of 2019 budget. Scott made motion to pay out vacation, Bre seconded. MPU

Vione will be the administrator of the Facebook account.

Organizational Amazon prime account discussed and will be purchased in the 2020 budget. Sarah motioned to approve this and Bre seconded this. MPU

Quilters want to raffle off a quilt. Permit needed. Plan to draw raffle winner April 03, 2020.

Discussed the transition and addressed how Pastor Amy has been picking up other's tasks. Bre discussed how we need to increase our teams' responsibility of what needs to be done.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 12:12 PM

Next Meeting January 19, 2020 @ 11:30AM.

Submitted by Angie Muhs

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Welcome to worship

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School at 9 a.m.

Address service requested

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