

January 2022

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

Greetings and blessings to all of you,

Hopefully you have all had a Merry Christmas and are ready to enjoy 2022. I certainly wish you all health and prosperity. It is my sincere hope that COVID winds down and we are all able to continue getting back to more normal times.

On January 30th, we will have our annual meeting. I would encourage each of you to attend and vote for leadership positions in OUR church. Remember that if you are a member of St. Matthew's, you are able to vote and also run for leadership positions. We have several team lead positions that are up for election. These teams serve a vital role for our church and even if you don't wish to be a leader each team can use some reinforcements. We know that everyone is busy, but ask that you would consider stepping up to get involved at St. Matthew's. The more people we can get on a team, the less work it is for the team leaders. If you have questions about what the role of a particular team is, ask myself or another member of the Church Council. We would love to have you get involved.

My time as church president will come to an end at this meeting. I am thankful for all of the support that I have had from the congregation during the last two years. We have had a fantastic group of fellow council members that have been part of a team that has made some very important decisions for the church over the last two years. We also have outstanding people that work for the church and many outstanding members of the congregation that while they don't serve leadership roles, certainly contribute many things to our church.

I look forward to seeing our church continue to grow in the future. We have a lot of great things going from our youth ministry, to the food pantry and Ruby's pantry and so much more. I would encourage all of you to get involved at some point on the council. It is a really valuable experience and certainly gives a much better idea of what goes on in the church.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to myself or other council members. We are all willing to have a conversation or answer questions that anyone might have.

Respectfully,

Paul Strande

LYO– Youth Group

Happy New Year from the Youth Team!!

We will have two LYO nights in January, on the 12th and on the 26th. We sincerely appreciate all the support from the congregation to keep the youth involved in the church and look forward to more in 2022!!!

Learning & Growing Together

We are excited to resume Sunday school classes on Sunday, January 9th! To celebrate our successful Christmas program and our first day back we will be having a New Year's cereal-bration! We will be serving cereal for a fun snack during class time.

During the months of January and February the students will be learning about the heroes of the Old Testament.



Also for the new year, each class will be continuing their work towards their individual outreach goals. Attendance, good behavior, and bringing their Bible each Sunday will continue to count towards our Sunday school outreach project to benefit families way outside our doors!

Sunday School Notes -

- **There is no Sunday school on January 16th.
- **January 23rd will be our first 'Donuts for Ducks' day for the new year.
- **Kids sing during worship on January 30th.



Giving Thanks

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!



The church mouse would like to thank:

- Sarah K for organizing Sunday School and having a wonderful Christmas program.
- Emily D, Chelsea L, Ashley B, Bridget P, Stephanie B, Alicia S, Bre B, Jen S, Sara M, Jerod L for teaching Sunday School and Confirmation.
- Once again for our Snow Angels that keep the path clear
- Our TPS students for their weekly vacuuming assistance
- Ruth W for leading us in worship
- Pastor for providing us with many opportunities to worship during the busy Christmas season

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

Blessings to everyone who contributed to this year's Angel Tree Project! You are indeed the hands and feet of Christ! Several area families were gifted by your generosity.



Thank you

Thank you to all who have donated financially to St. Matthew's this past year. Your

giving is greatly appreciated.
God's blessings to you all!

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!

WELCA BIBLE STUDY This group meets on the third Monday of the month for an evening of coffee and Bible Study. **WELCA Bible Study will meet Monday, January 17 at the church.** For more information, contact the church office at 599-2081.

Worship



Greetings from the Worship Team!

Christmas has come and gone and I trust everyone had a wonderful time. The two church services were wonderful and I want to thank everyone that helped make the candlelight services so beautiful.

The Sunday Carol Sing was so fun too. Those that didn't come missed special music by Kevin Waller! He also played at the 8pm Christmas Eve service. THANK YOU RUTH for sharing your son with us.

As the new year begins, please consider helping with the church service when your month comes up. YOU are what makes a church.

Unto us a Son is born!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Worship Team—Cheryl Widman, Nancy Morgan, Sharon Gustafson and Valorie Uhlir



January

Kory & Susie Sondreal
Derek & Bobbi Sondreal
Sarah Krogfoss & Charlie
Tony & Paula Amborn
Paul & Brooke Bakke Family

February

Dylan & Sara Anderson Family
Mark & Kristie Adams & Bryn
Joshua & Tessa Clemetson Family
Ashley Breidenbach/Brock Vaagene Family
Melissa Berger Family



Pastor Tawanda welcomes visitors at the church office anytime during the day.

He is in the office all day on Mondays and Thursdays, please feel free to stop in.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, please contact him to set up a time to meet.

His day off is on Friday.



St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Meeting

Date: December 19, 2021

In Attendance: Val Uhler, Steve Hancock, Paul Strande, Sara Munson, Pastor Tawanda, Sarah Krogfoss, Robyn Bohlman, Scott Kuster

Absent: Ryan Welsh, Brook Fretheim, Duane Naas

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by President Strande at 11:16. Pastor Tawanda led opening liturgy.

Agenda Approval: Pastor Tawanda moved, Steve Hancock seconded to approve the agenda. MPU

Minutes Approval: Sara Munson moved, Val Uhler seconded to approve the minutes. MPU

Financial Reports: General Giving income for November was \$ 12,317.31. As of November 30, the General Giving checking account balance is \$14449.98. Special Giving checking is \$30752.66. Our line of credit is \$0. Our YTD income is \$ -3762.16

Approval: Steve Hancock moved, Paul Strande seconded to approve financial. MPU

Calendar Review: Move annual meeting to January 30. January 16th there is no Sunday School. Sunday school will sing January 30th instead of January 23rd. There will be a meal January 30th after annual meeting.

Pastor's Report: Membership has gone up. Sound system is very hard to work with – something needs to be done with it soon. Was appointed to Board of Directors of Red Willow Bible Camp. Bible camps are all struggling, we need to think about supporting camps.

Men's Club & WELCA report: Men's Club and Welca - nothing

Team Reports:

Executive Team: Met with staff last Tuesday for staff reviews.

Education: Sarah Krogfoss – program turned out great – have excellent teachers that are great help. On break until January 9th. Going forward with Hero's of the Bible.

Fellowship: Sara Munson – nothing

Ruby's Pantry: Sara Munson- approximately 130 families came thru this month.

Outreach: Brook Fretheim – nothing

Food Pantry – 595 lbs of food went to 13 families; 448 lbs Thanksgiving baskets

Properties: Duane Naas- very thankful to Gary Welsh for keeping the parking lot cleaned

Worship: Val Uhler – decorating for Christmas Eve service

Youth: Steve Hancock – next LYO will be January 12th

Old Business

Altar, Pulpit and Baptismal Font – will meet in January

Bid from HB Sound – will try get information before annual meeting to present

Child Care Center at St Matthew's-tabled

Link for updating directory- over 70 have complete updating their information

New Business

Review Proposed 2022 budget

Create an account at the bank for the Sabbatical Fund – would take out 2 weeks of salary per year and put into interest earning account. Pastor's are allowed Sabbatical every 7 years. Paul made a motion to allow Scott to go to bank to open this account. Steve seconded. MPU

Change annual meeting date-will be changed to January 30th to allow more time for the audit team and financials to be completed.

Donation to Valley Senior Living Chaplaincy – gave \$500 last year – we have members living at Valley Senior Living –Paul Strande made a motion to take \$250 from unspecified memorials and \$250 from Thrivent Choice to donate to Valley Senior Living Chaplaincy. Sarah Krogfoss seconded. MPU

Next council meeting will be January 23, 2022

Motion to adjourn made by Sara Munson , seconded by Sarah Krogfoss . MPU

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn Bohlman



Make your voice heard and plan to attend the **Annual Meeting scheduled for January 30, 2022 at 11:05am and then stay for fellowship and a meal following the meeting.**

Reminder that the Give + mobile app. for online giving will no longer be operational beginning Jan. 1, 2022. The company that hosts Give+ is Vanco so the new mobile app to use will be titled **Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement**. Check your emails for information on how to set up the new app!!





OPEN JANUARY 11

11AM-1PM

OPEN JANUARY 25

6PM-8PM

BIBLE STUDY

Come Join Us



Women's Bible Study meets the 3rd Monday of the month! Come join us on Monday, January 17 @ 7pm at the Church!

All are Welcome!!

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Happy Birthday in January!

- 1 Cheryl Widman
- 2 Barry Arntz
- 3 Angela Muhs
- 4 Garnet Bischoff
- 5 Averie Geatz
- 6 Kristie Adams, Brandy George
- 7 Samantha Johnson
- 8 Kimberly Mohagen
- 9 Ellie Schumacher
- 11 Jaxon Clemetson, Cassie Riewer
- 12 Arvin Brorby, Halie Fossum, Jesse Hegg
- 13 Cornelius Everett
- 14 Zach Ackerman, McKenna Wolter, Collin Hancock
- 15 Lucy LaRoque
- 16 Noah Novak
- 17 Kelby Laxdal
- 19 Jailin Avdem, Megan Kadrmas, Shannon Hancock
- 20 Marcus Hughes
- 21 Joey Overby, Hadley Plautz
- 23 Kevin Cooper
- 24 Jordan Johnson
- 25 Adrienne Jarvis, Daman Pearson
- 26 Brook Fretheim, Richard Staveteig
- 28 Christi Johnson
- 29 Lauren Plautz
- 31 Zakary Kadrmas

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Welcome to worship

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Education Hour Sundays at 9 a.m.

All Services Live on our YouTube Channel

Address service requested

