

July 2018

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

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Chances are, by the time you read this letter the kids and I will be headed to the National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas. Four of our youth (Pierce Cooper, Bailey Munson, Brittany Munson and Ellie Schumacher) and I have been raising money to be able to go to the youth gathering the last 2 years. Thank you for ALL your financial support and prayers. Without you we wouldn't have been able to get to Houston!

We look forward to sharing stories with you when we return. If you want to follow along with us as we travel and experience the Gathering, I invite you to check out the Saint Matthew's Blog at: <https://saintmattswalkingwet.blogspot.com/>

The youth will each take turns sharing about their experiences. We will also have a dinner for them to share pictures and stories from their trip in late August, so stay tuned for that as well!

After we return from our trip, I will be in Thompson for a couple of weeks (including for our Community Worship on July 8), and then spending the rest of July with my family in MN. Mom and Dad will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary, and I will be taking my niece Katie up to the North Shore for a quick weekend before she heads off to college this fall. I hope you too are able to spend time with your loved ones this summer, and able to find ways to renew your spirit in these beautiful days that God has blessed us with.

As you are on the road, don't forget to take some pictures of your experiences with Flat Jesus! You can download Flat Jesus here:

<http://www.stmatthewslutheranchurch.org/flat-jesus-project.html>

Also, don't forget to email your pictures to the church office or post them on the church Facebook or Instagram pictures with the hashtag: #stmattsflatjesus so that we can put together a fun slide show of the places Jesus traveled to with us this summer!

We hope that wherever you are traveling to this summer, you know that your church family is praying for you as you go. Remember we are here to worship with you on Sundays at 10 am when you are in town, or take us on the road by using our Faith 5 weekly devotionals found on our blog.

Wherever you go, whatever you do this summer, know that we are thankful that YOU are a part of our church family!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Amy Eisenmann



This summer do you want to be part of a team that really makes a difference in the appearance of our church property? Volunteer now to sign up for lawnmowing! Sign up sheets are posted just inside the front doors at church. If you have any questions about mowing or helping with other property projects, call Roy at 701-891-9972. The lawn mower will be kept filled with gas, and youth 16 and older are allowed to help mow! Thank you for your help in keeping our church property looking great!

WELCA NEWS.....

Thanks to Claire Herland, Sharon Gustafson, Sandy Olson and Jill Schumacher for helping to clean the kitchen cupboards last month. We got it done in 1 1/2 hours!



WELCA reminds everyone to check the silver cart for dishes and cooling racks that have been left at the church. Also a reminder that if you have an event in the kitchen, please take all leftover food with you.

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, but 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. They spend time in responsive prayer, and then enjoy a cup of coffee as well. This group is then 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 at Cheryl Widman's home on July 17 at 6:30 pm. 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. They meet from September thru May.

PASTOR AMY'S JULY OFFICE HOURS

Week of July 1: Thursday 10-1, Friday 1-3 pm at Bully Brew South

Week of July 8: Monday 9-12, Tuesday 9-12, Wednesday 9-12, Friday 1-3 pm at Bully Brew South

Week of July 15: Monday 9-Noon, Tuesday 4-6, Wednesday 8-12

Week of July 22: No Office Hours, Pastor on Vacation

Week of July 29: Tuesday 9-12, Wednesday 9-12, Friday 1-3 pm at Bully Brew South

*-Pastor Amy is also available at other times by appointment

Faith Formation



Vacation Bible School is Coming!! August 5-7

Park River Bible Camp will be coming to St. Matthew's to offer a Vacation Bible School Day Camp for children Grades 1-5, cost is \$30.

Half day VBS will also be offered for Pre-K and K Children, cost is \$10.

Registration is available online on the St. Matthew's Website.

We are also in need of some volunteers to help during VBS this year. Please contact Alicia Schumacher at 701-740-6109 if you are interested in volunteering for this fun event!



Teachers Needed!

We are seeking Sunday School and Confirmation Teachers for the 2018-2019 School Year.

Please contact Alicia Schumacher at 701-740-6109 if you are interested. We are also in need of Substitute Teachers. Team/shared teaching with other individuals could also be arranged.

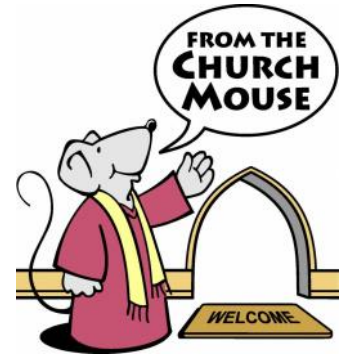


Please register your kids for VBS by Friday, July 27 so that we can ensure that we have enough staff and supplies for everyone!

From the Church Mouse

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

- ♦ Jill S, Sharon G, Sandy O, Claire H, and Julie B for all your work in cleaning the kitchen
- ♦ Julie B for scrubbing the ovens
- ♦ Kristie A for all the work you do with our Thompson Food Pantry
- ♦ Gary W and Mary W for being our representatives at Eastern ND Synod Assembly
- ♦ Everyone who came to the open house welcoming Vione to staff
- ♦ Roy O, Roger G, Chris & Duane Naas for keeping the lawn looking so great
- ♦ Gary W. for strengthening the shelves in the food pantry
- ♦ Bill W, Roy O, and Roger G for brightening our worship experience!



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



**Holy
Baptism**

Josh Kadrmas and Kristi White. Welcome to our church family Isabelle!

We welcome Isabelle Kadrmas into our church family! Isabelle's parents are Jesse and Megan Kadrmas. Her sponsors are Kristy and Joe Sagaser,



Thank you to everyone that stopped in at the Office Open House. It was great meeting new friends and reacquainting with old. Stop in any time to say hello, you are always welcome!
-Vione Jordheim



Worship in the Park

We would like to welcome everyone to come and join us for a special worship out at Southbrook Park on July 8th at 10:00 am.

We will be worshipping with Grand Forks Rural Parish (the churches of Walle, East Walle and Evanger) and St. Jude's.

A potluck will follow the service. We are in charge of salads and desserts.

We hope you can join us on this weekend as we worship and fellowship together and celebrate the awesome town in which we live!

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Happy Birthday in July!

- ¹ Joely Anderson
- ² Jennifer Haugen, JoEllen McGauvran, Emily Overby, Lucy Sutter-Hegg
- ³ Jace Strand
- ⁴ Vaughn Quern
- ⁵ Kevin Dobmeier
- ⁶ Derek Plautz
- ⁷ Thomas Stoe
- ⁸ Braeden Amborn, Dan Hovet
- ¹⁰ Wade Strande
- ¹³ Jordan Barker, Leo Dearing, Jaxon Fee, Diane Fugleberg
- ¹⁶ Troy Peterson
- ¹⁷ Brittany Monson, Hunter Praska, Jacob Zak
- ¹⁸ Wyatt Bergeron, Zac Haugen
- ¹⁹ Bo Fossum
- ²⁰ Buck Arntz
- ²¹ Doris Cooper
- ²² Wyatt Dearing, Kinley Plautz, Derek Sondreal
- ²³ Lori Hodek, Ron Kornkven
- ²⁴ Craig Bohlman, Bridget Pearson, Cole Sorby
- ²⁵ Hayden Overby, Alicia Schumacher
- ²⁶ Ashlyn Fossum
- ²⁷ Tim Sivertson
- ²⁸ Gretchen Peterson
- ²⁹ Tenley George
- ³⁰ Jasmine Welke
- ³¹ Evie Haugen, Madison Sundberg



Church Council Meeting May

IN ATTENDANCE: Pastor Amy, Darwin Potter, James Thorson, Tracie Ivesdal, Beth Kurz, Alicia Schumacher, Sarah Krogfoss

ABSENT: Sara Munson, Roy Olson, Paul Strande, Deb DeMoe

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Darwin at approximately 6:35 p.m.

LITURGY

Pastor Amy led the Church Council in prayer prior to our meeting.

AGENDA APPROVAL

No modifications were made to the agenda.

Motion: James moved approve the agenda. Tracie seconded. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVAL

No modifications were made to the April meeting minutes.

Motion: Alicia motioned to approve the April 22 meeting minutes. James seconded. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Tracie summarized the financial reports for April. General Giving income was \$12,115.11. Net income for April was negative \$1,767.75. As of April 30, the General Giving checking account balance was at \$8,036.24. Special Giving net income for April was \$1043.74. The Special Giving checking account balance as of April 30 was \$47,811.50.

Pastor Amy is going to talk to Sharon Gustafson about the money remaining in the church sign account (\$346.12) to see if she would like it to go to another use/fund. If Sharon doesn't have a preference, we will decide what to do with the remaining funds at the next meeting.

Tracie mentioned that the furnace repair expenses of \$591.17 came out of the building fund. In the past there was some discussion about combining the building improvement fund and the building fund. Because we currently don't have plans to build a new building, there was a suggestion that the building fund become inactive and the remaining.

The Council discussed mentioning in the newsletter the fact that our current budget is down ~\$4,423.77 from where we were at this time last year, especially going into the summer months when church attendance and associated giving is down.

Motion: Sarah moved to approve the Financial Reports. Alicia seconded. Motion carried.

CALENDAR REVIEW

WWW needs to be added for July 17.

No additional changes were made to the calendar.

PASTOR'S REPORT

See attached report provided prior to the meeting. The main secretary book will contain an actual attached copy of the report.

MEN'S CLUB AND WELCA REPORT

WELCA: WELCA is organizing a kitchen cleaning event for June 7.

Men's Club: There is no update for the Men's Club.

TEAM REPORTS

Executive: Darwin Potter – Nothing new to report.

Education: Alicia Schumacher – June will be a quiet month. Next month they will start planning for vacation bible school and recruiting teachers.

Fellowship: Sara Munson – The tie dye party is coming up on August 1.

Outreach: Sarah Krogfoss – Pop on Over will be at the end of July. Small gifts will be hung on people's doors in Thompson along with invitations to the tie dye event and vacation bible school. Sarah planted the pumpkin patch over Memorial Day weekend. In October, we will have the Fall Frenzival again. Sarah asked that the Council start to think about where we want to put the funds that are raised from that event.

Properties: Roy Olson – Absent. No report.

Worship: Deb DeMoe – The upcoming worship teams were listed in the last newsletter.

Youth: Paul Strande – Absent. No report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Food Panty Update

We heard back from multiple churches from one parish on participation in a governing board for the food pantry board. They are interested in participating. No one else has responded yet.

2. Sound System Update

The hole is cut in the wall for the sound system. We will be able to access the system from the sanctuary. The last time Darwin heard from Bill they were trying to be done by Memorial Day but Darwin hadn't heard if that was the case.

3. Building Repair

We had talked about scheduling a day to have families help with painting and minor repairs but that hasn't been finalized yet.

4. Church Health Meeting

At our last Council meeting we had discussed having a meeting in the fall (or multiple meetings at different times/days of the week) to discuss ideas for church growth and/or improvements they'd like to see at St. Matthews. Pastor Amy really would like to have meetings at different times and locations to try and reach as many people as possible. We could have different Council members lead meetings to try and reach the various groups. Sarah suggested that we could also send out a survey monkey to try and get feedback from those who are afraid to speak up. Darwin requested that we all come up with two questions that we'd like to ask the various groups to help facilitate discussion about church improvements/changes. Pastor Amy brought up that we could also survey members at regularly-scheduled meetings like WWW and/or Men in Mission.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Vione

Vione's training has been going well, although the work load has been pretty light because it's summer. At the last Council meeting we had a discussion about whether or not we should get Vione her own credit card and Sam's Club membership (which was an additional charge because we already have the maximum number of people on the Sam's account). Alicia offered to let Vione have her spot on the Sam's Club membership. There was also discussion about having Vione use the Scan and Go app that will allow Vione to use the Church credit card. Pastor Amy will go to Sam's Club with Vione to get her name added to the account and to have Alicia's name taken off. Darwin also thought that we should wait a bit before we give Vione permission to use the church credit card. Pastor Amy would like Vione to have approval before the Houston trip so that Vione can order supplies while Pastor Amy is gone. Darwin suggested that we order a card for her now, but wait to give it to her for 3 to 4 weeks just to make sure that she is going to stay. Several members felt like ordering supplies is part of the position responsibilities, so we should give her the tools to do so (i.e. – a credit card). There was some discussion about whether or not there is a probationary period specified in the Handbook. Darwin asked the Council what we would like to do. Council members felt like we should get Vione a card as soon as possible. If there are any issues, we could deauthorize her account right away. The Council agreed that we should go ahead and get Vione authorized to use the church credit card.

2. Council Meeting Dates

The following are the dates for the summer Council meetings:

- June 19th at 6:30 p.m.
- July 31st at 6:30 p.m.
- August 28th at 6:30 p.m.

Motion: Tracie motioned to adjourn. Sarah seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting closed at 7:39 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Kurz

Next Meeting: June 19th at 6:30 p.m.

Loving Neighbors

Mark your calendars now for a Family Tie Dye Party on August 1 from 6-8pm! Come and bring some food to share, we will eat dinner together and then tie dye everything from clothes to pillowcases and more! Grab your kids, grab your neighbors and come join the fun!



Thompson Food Pantry

The Thompson Food Pantry is open on Tuesday, July 10th from 11am-1pm, and Tuesday, July 24th from 6pm-8pm. The pantry serves the communities of Thompson, Buxton, and Reynolds. For more information on the pantry, talk to Kristie Adams at 701-599-2081.



Have you ever noticed the red chain that is enhancing the sanctuary?

Each link represents ways that God is on the move in and around us.

This summer, we invite you to write on the red strips the ways that YOU have seen God at work in the world around us. Our goal is to make it all the way around the sanctuary by Rally Sunday!!!



It has come to our attention that a few things seem to have been borrowed from the church. **If you borrow anything from the church, please check with the church office before doing so, and please return them in a timely manner.** Thank you for remembering that most things at church are used by multiple groups and need to stay in the church building. **If you have borrowed something from church, please return it as soon as possible.** Thank you.

Do you like to paint? Would you and your family like to adopt a room and get it ready for fall? We are hoping to do a painting refresh of all the Sunday School classrooms. **If you and your family would be willing to adopt a classroom and help get it painted before fall, please call the church office today!** Paint will be provided. Talk to the office for more details, or to adopt a room today by calling Vione at 599-2081. Thanks for helping get us ready for fall!



Did you know there are three different ways to financially give to Saint Matthew's?



In Person-Come to church and place your offering in the offering plate on Sunday, or in the drop box outside the secretary's door.



By Mail-You can mail your offering to 701 Broadway St. Thompson, ND 58278 if you are going to be out of town.



Automatic Bill Pay-Through your bank, you can set the church up to receive payment automatically. This helps keep the budget running even if you are away from church for an entire season.

However you choose to help support the ministry of Saint Matthew's, know that we appreciate you and are so thankful that you are a part of our church family!

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Welcome to worship

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Address service requested

Vacation Bible School for children in K-5th grade will be
Aug 5-7. See inside for more info, or go online to
www.stmatthewslutheranchurch.org/education.html

REGISTER TODAY!



Come Join Us!

