

July 2021

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church  
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# The Messenger

“Where have I seen God active in my life lately?”

“How is God active in my life?”

I cautiously opened my eyes, slowly and squinting at the incredible amount of light that was coming through the blinds of my bedroom window. It seemed too bright to be 5 am, I thought to myself, before remembering that we are now in summer, and time means nothing anymore. I rolled to my back, pulled up my blankets, and closed my eyes again. I wasn't ready to get out of bed just yet.

“Where have I seen God active in my life recently?”

The thought popped up in my head again. I remembered I had promised myself to go to the gym that morning. I shrugged, mentally of course, because I didn't have enough energy to move my body...at least I thought.

“Well, let's see. God, in my life? That should be easy.”

But it wasn't easy. I lay in bed for another five minutes trying to think of moments where God has been actively present in my life, and I couldn't come up with anything “good.”

Now, I was panicking! After all I was someone's pastor, and I couldn't come up with a simple testimony! Several things popped in my head, but I ruled them out. They were either too personal (which means, I would be embarrassed to share), or just not good enough (which means, I wanted something tragic or traumatic).

After a while though, I realized that God isn't only present in my life when things are going really bad or when I'm in difficult and shameful situations. God is also present in the happy, joyous, feel-good moments as well. The fact that I struggled to find a traumatic incident that happened to me is testimony to how God has been actively shielding me from harm and pain.

In those few minutes in bed, I realized that my good times far surpass my bad times and I owe it to God who's been with me all along. I learned that I can testify even when things are perfect because God is the one who makes them perfect. I also realized that it's okay to be happy because God is the one who makes me happy.

“Where have you seen God active in your life today?”

Summer greetings – Pastor Tawanda Murinda

# Faith Formation

## *Greetings from the Education Team!*

VBS is right about the corner and we are very excited to welcome back Park River Bible Camp! The theme for this year's VBS is 'A Love That Never Ends'.

VBS will take place August 7th - August 10th. Please see the attached registration form or to sign up online check out our Facebook page for the link.

We are looking for donations for snacks for the kids and meals for the camp counselors. Stay tuned for a sign up genius or feel free to get into contact with us if you are interested in helping out.

We will be having a camp kick-off cookout the Saturday evening of camp! We have some fun plans in store for that evening so please plan to attend!

**AND!** Prior to VBS we are hosting a fun family night where the kids (and parents) are invited to tie dye their hearts out! All you need to provide is a t-shirt and we will provide the rest!! Mac and cheese and hot dogs to be served as well.

The kids are encouraged to wear the t-shirts they make to VBS!



### *Tie Dye Your Heart Out*

Date: Monday, July 26th  
Time: 6pm  
Location: St. Matthew's

Questions? Feel free to contact Sarah @ 218-791-4216 or [sarakrogfoss@icloud.com](mailto:sarakrogfoss@icloud.com)

*Many Blessings!*

The Education Team

#### **MEN IN MISSION**

St. Matthew's men continue to gather each Sunday morning for a chance to chat, drink coffee and learn together. Their topics of discussion vary, but new folks are always welcome to join them. They will not be meeting on July 4th nor on July 11th.

#### **WELCA BIBLE STUDY**

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

#### **RESPONSIVE PRAYER**

This gathering 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. They are then off to work by 7:30. Come and join us as a great way to focus midweek!

**VBS 2021 - A LOVE THAT NEVER ENDS**  
***We love because God first loved us - 1 John 4:19***

VBS registration is open for children ages 4–12. Kids meet friends, explore Bible stories, do fun activities, sing songs, make crafts, play games, and eat snacks. The 1/2 day Pre-K program is available to 4 year olds. The full day program is available to those children who will be entering Kindergarten this fall through the 5th grade.

Dates: Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>  
**Camp Kick-Off Cookout Saturday Evening!!! (Time TBD)**  
Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm  
Location: St. Matthew's Lutheran Church  
Cost: \$10/Pre-K (1/2 day - Age 4 - 9am - 12pm)  
\$25/Kindergarten - 5th Grade (Full Day/Ages 5 - 12)  
*No more than \$50/family*

***Full day participants are asked to bring a bagged lunch. Snacks will be served.***

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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Students' Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/other medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Does St. Matthew's have permission to use your child(s) image on our website and/or social media? Please circle one: Yes/No

Please make checks payable to St. Matthew's. *Thank You*

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail your completed forms to:

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Or place in the education mailbox at the church.

Questions: Contact Sarah @ 218-791-2416

# Worship

Happy Summer from the Worship Team!

We all love Summer and the relaxed weekends but I am still in need of Worship help!!

If you know that you will be in town on any given Sunday please consider helping with worship. Come, relax, enjoy worship IN PERSON, and start your week refreshed and renewed. Please email me at [valuhlr@yahoo.com](mailto:valuhlr@yahoo.com) OR text me at 701-739-6282 and let me know when you can help. Greeters, acolyte, readers, and communion help are all needed. We are honored to have Kay Lindell prepare communion, as she comes with Neil at 9 for Men's Group!

Thank you in advance for your help!

Mark your calendars for July 11th!!! We will be worshipping outdoors at Southbrook



*Worship  
in the Park*

Park along with the G.I.F.T. of Grace Lutheran Ministry—Walle, Evanger & St. Mark's. Pastor Tawanda and Pastor Sarah will be leading the worship service which will include Holy Communion.

Following worship, join us in fellowship for a potluck meal.

Everyone is asked to bring a salad or dessert to share.

Don't forget your lawn chairs!!!

Pastor Tawanda welcomes visitors at the church office anytime.

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.

Pastor Tawanda's day off is Friday. Please note his scheduled vacation time below.

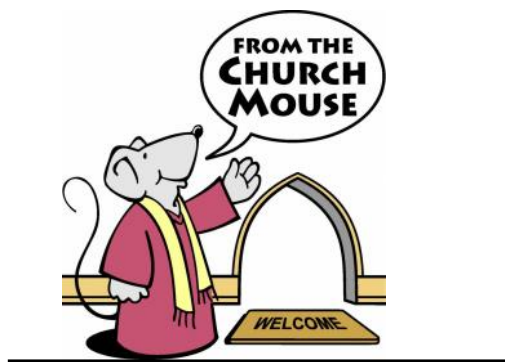


Pastor Tawanda will be on vacation July 12 through July 19th. In case of emergency please contact Vione at 701-330-4505 or call the church office 701-599-2081. She will get in contact with Pastor Tawanda and he will return your call.



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

- ♦ Sue S for the assistance with the beautiful Memorial Day display
- ♦ Emily D for preparing a beautiful sign for the Father's Day display
- ♦ Mike U and Roy O for their work in keeping the grounds beautiful



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



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## Thompson Food Pantry

The Thompson Food Pantry is open on Tuesday, July 13th from 11am-1pm, and Tuesday, July 27th from 6pm-8pm. The pantry serves the communities of Thompson, Buxton, and Reynolds. For more information on the pantry, call Mary Mitchell at 599-2870 or Paul Galegher at 741-1375.

The two large pots of flowers gracing our entrance are in thanks from the Walle Wonders 4-H Group. The group uses the church building for their monthly meetings. They are on their way to becoming great agronomists!



A Council meeting was not held

during the month of June. The next scheduled meeting will be July 18th following worship service. Minutes from the July meeting will be published in the August newsletter.

## Happy Birthday in July!

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

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## **Welcome to worship**

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

In Person and live on our YouTube Channel

Address service requested



“Souler” powered by the “Son”!