

June and July 2017

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,

What an awesome Mother's Day Weekend worship we had this year! I hope you were able to be a part of it! We had more folks in worship than Easter or Christmas! We were able to see our Sunday Schoolers sing and share their memory work they had learned this year! We were able to pray for and bless our Thompson High School Graduates as they prepare to enter the next chapter of their lives, and we gave all those who were present a "Take Out Church" box to continue to live faith with their families this summer! It was an AWESOME morning of seeing God at work in this place!

If you weren't present, or weren't able to get a Take Out Church box and you would like one, please contact the church office at 599-2081, and we will get one put together for you! Here's some other ways that you can stay connected to Saint Matthew's this summer, whether you are in worship or are out away on vacation.

**Faith 5**– Our Walking Wet Blog <https://saintmattswalkingwet.blogspot.com/> will once again go live from Memorial Day Sunday through Labor Day Sunday giving you simple devotions and activities to do with your family whether you have toddlers or teens. New this year will also be options for those households who only have adults or who are households of one.

**Facebook Fridays**– Since Friday is often a day when folks are on the road traveling for the weekend, check out the church Facebook page each Friday of summer for a new post of pictures, a video or some other connection to living our faith in the community. Like our Facebook Page here: <https://www.facebook.com/SaintMatthewsLutheranChurchThompsonNd/?fref=ts>

**Flat Jesus**– We are once again encouraging you to "take Jesus with you" as you head on vacation this summer to remind us all that Christ goes with us wherever we go. There is 1 Flat Jesus in each of the Take Out Church boxes. If you need additional Flat Jesus' for your kiddos (or yourselves!) to color, you can find the link here: [http://www.weebly.com/uploads/2/1/1/0/21101878/flat\\_jesus\\_project.pdf](http://www.weebly.com/uploads/2/1/1/0/21101878/flat_jesus_project.pdf)

However you choose to live your faith this summer, we hope that you know we are so thankful that you are a part of our church family. May this season of rest and renewal bring you joy and fill you with hope!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Amy <<

**Pastor Amy's Summer Office Hours will be:**

Monday-Pastor's Day Off

Tuesday-11:00 am-1:00 pm

Wednesday-7:00 am-9:30 am

Thursday-Office Hours help in Grand Forks from 10-Noon at Bully Brew Coffee House (4571 S Washington)

Friday-Office Hours by appointments only



Did you know that you can hire some of the Youth of Saint Matthew's for jobs this summer? Whether you need a babysitter or a pet sitter or a dog walker or help in the garden, or help cleaning your house, the opportunities are limitless! Just call the church office with a description of the job you need done, how many youth you will need, how long it will take, and we will connect you with youth that want to help! All proceeds from Youth for Hire go to helping our kids get to the National Youth Gathering in Houston next summer!

**Youth Group Students** – Thank you to all students who have come to LYO this past school year. We will be trying to arrange an outing to a Redhawks game this summer and will be having a back to school bonfire on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy your summer!!!!





# Loving Neighbors

We would like to welcome everyone to come and join us for a special worship out at Southbrook Park on July 9th. We will be worshipping Grand Forks Rural Parish (the churches of Walle, East Walle and Evanger)



We are asking that the people of Saint Matthew's bring a dessert or salad to share. We hope you can join us on this weekend as we worship and fellowship together and celebrate the awesome town in which we live!

**Mark your calendars now for a Family Tie Dye Party on August 2!** 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, May 9th from 11am-1pm, and Tuesday, May 23rd from 6pm-8pm. The pantry serves the communities of Thompson, Buxton, and Reynolds. For more information on the pantry, talk to Kristie Adams at 701-599-2091.



**Still need a takeout church box? Let the church office know at 599-2081 and we will get one assembled for you!**

**Our Thompson High School Graduates and their future plans. Please keep them in your prayers.**

**Ryan Benoit**-Headed to Northland in East Grand Forks for Electrical and Business Programs

**Summer Brown**-Headed to Northland for Nursing

**Ashlyn Fossum**-Working in Grand Forks

**Thomas Hodek**-Headed to UND

**Sam Landa**-Headed to UND to major in Computer Science

**Devan Praska**-Headed to University of Jamestown to major in accounting and to play basketball-

**Brett Sutter-Hegg**—Headed to UND for Business and Finance

**Madison Walsh**-Headed to Mayville State for Medical Lab Science

**Brady Wilson**-Headed to Wahpeton for Diesel Mechanics



In the summer, our lawn is kept up by volunteers. Do you like to mow? Have some spare time? Please sign up for lawn mowing on the sign up sheet 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!



## Save the date!

Vacation Bible School for children in K-5th grade will be Aug 6-8. See page 5 for more info, or go online to our church website at [www.stmatthewslutheranchurch.org/education.html](http://www.stmatthewslutheranchurch.org/education.html) and register today!

# 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 on June 13 in Grand Forks at Eagle's Crest Grill at Kingswalk Golf Course. In July we will gather on July 18 at Cheryl Widman's house. This relaxed group of gals meets once a month at 6:30 pm 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. Currently they are working through the book "Listening for the

Voice of God: Growing in Faith Everyday." WELCA Bible Study takes the summer off, but will resume in September. For a copy of the book they are studying, contact the church office at 599-2081.

## ST. MATT'S SUMMER BOOK CLUB

Because we recognize that many folks are away on vacations or have different schedules during the summer, we will be trying to do our book discussion online. Check out our Facebook page for more information, or call the church office at 599-2081

# Faith Formation

## From the Education Team

### Vacation Bible School Aug 6-8

Park River Bible Camp will be coming to St. Matthew's to offer a Vacation Bible School Day Camp this Summer! VBS will take place for Grades 1st-6th Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> Noon-3 pm; Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> 9am-3pm; and Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> 9am-3pm! Half day VBS will be offered for Pre-K and K Children during the following times: Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> Noon-3 pm; Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> 9am-12pm; and Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> 9am-12pm. All children are asked to bring their own lunch, snacks will be provided. The cost of the camp will be \$30 per child for Grades 1-6 and \$10 a child for Pre-K and Kindergarten. Online registration is now available! We hope your child can join us in this adventure!



### Make a Difference in the Lives of our Children!

We are still seeking Sunday School and Confirmation Teachers for the 2017-2018 School Year. Please contact Alicia Schumacher at [st.matthewsedu@yahoo.com](mailto:st.matthewsedu@yahoo.com) or 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.

We had lots of fun with lots of folks on the last day of Sunday School this year! Here our Sunday Schoolers and their teachers share the peace with the congregation. Thanks to all our teachers for making it a great year!

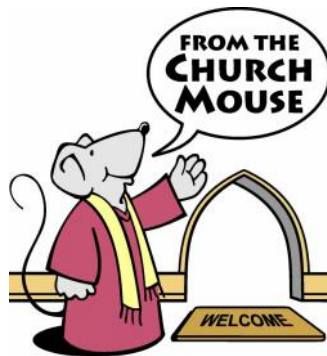




# From the Church Mouse

Thank you to everyone who made this school year so much fun and such a success. As we begin to enjoy warmer weather, here are a few folks we would like to thank this month! We apologize if we miss anyone! The church mouse would like to thank:

- Nancy M for changing the church paraments faithfully every season!
- Roger G, and Roy O for mowing the church lawn in May
- Roy O for fixing the church sign and making it usable again!
- Cheryl W for all the time you volunteer proofing bulletins and newsletters
- The youth and adults who helped clean the backyard. It looks great!
- Bill W, Gary W, Roger G. and Roy O. for putting in the new side doors!
- Connor P and Grace C and Trinity J for helping assembly Take Out Church boxes!
- Deb D for helping put things in Take Out Church boxes
- Jera S for creating door decorations for our women's retreat
- Roy O and Roger G for putting new drawers in the kitchen island!



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

## June Worship Assistants

Ryan Avdem Family  
Joshua & Tessa Clemetson Family  
Brent & Terrie Halvorson Family  
Ron & Krista Kornkven Family  
Neil & Kay Lindell  
Linda Schumacher  
Mike Sundberg Family

## July Worship Assistants

Mark & Amy Benoit Family  
Neil & Kami Danner Family  
Paul & Sonia Galegher  
Dave & Sarah Krogfoss Family  
Duane & Chris Naas  
Ruth Waller  
Terry & Ursula Hovet

## Happy Birthday in June

- 3 Ursula Hovet,
- 4 Blake Bischoff
- 5 Susan Sondreal
- 7 Cynthia Prom
- 8 Kenneth Dobmeier, Valorie Uhler
- 10 Lola Anderson, Robyn Bohlman,
- 11 Darin Praska
- 13 Esther Eichorst
- 14 McKenna Amborn, Lilly Fretheim, Dean Larson
- 15 Astacia Hansen-Oelrich, Mary Mitchell
- 16 Devan Praska
- 17 Ryan Fretheim, Whitney Kornkven
- 18 Adam Ackerman
- 19 Mavrik Peterson
- 24 Cindy Eliason
- 25 Allison McGauvran, Bill Mitchell
- 28 Marcus Benoit, Larin Ivesdal, Elsa PromSchmidt
- 29 Emma Haugen

**Thanks to all who lend a hand in worship!**

## From the Worship Team

Greetings from the Worship Team!

Summer is slowly trying to emerge and we are all looking to the Lake and other Summer fun!

We would still like to hold a concert in June IF anyone knows of a group that could come. PLEASE let me know, if you do.

To that end, the Thompson Days Sunday service will be on July 9th at Southbrook Park. Please try and attend the community service and take part in the pot luck after.

Please have a safe and fun Summer and don't forget your "Take Out Church" kit. If you still need a "Take Out Church" box, please call the church office. At 599-2081. We would love to hear from you and go on your adventures with you.

Hope to see you on any Sunday in June and July that you spend in the area.

Remember to recreate and Re-Create!

Valorie Uhlir 701-739-2554



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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 Ambron, Dan Hovet
- 10 Wade Strande
- 13 Jordan Barker, Leo Dearing, Diane Fugelberg
- 16 Troy Peterson
- 17 Brittney Monson, Hunter Praska, Jacob Zak
- 18 Wyatt Bergeron, Zac Haugen
- 19 Bodin 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 Shumacher
- 26 Ashlyn Fossum
- 27 Tim Sivertson
- 29 Tenley George
- 30 Jasmine Welke
- 31 Evie Haugen, Madison Sundberg



## Council Meeting April 19, 2017

**IN ATTENDANCE:** John Schumacher, Pastor Amy, Paul Strande, Sara Munson, Roy Olson, Beth Kurz, Sharon Gustafson, Darwin Potter, Diane Lundgren, Alicia Schumacher, Val Uhler

**ABSENT:** None

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by John Schumacher at approximately 8:01 pm.

### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

*Motion:* Darwin motioned to approve the agenda. Diane seconded. Motion carried.

### **MINUTES APPROVAL**

*Motion:* Darwin motioned to approve the March 19 meeting minutes. Val seconded. Motion carried.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Diane provided a review of the financial reports. As of March 31, 2017, the General Giving fund balance is at \$15,591.35 and the Special Giving fund balance is at \$50,512.73. The net income for March was \$356.24. The YTD for 2017 is \$3,551.42.

*Motion:* Roy moved to approve the Financial Reports. Sara seconded. Motion carried.

### **CALENDAR REVIEW**

No changes were made to the calendar.

Val is looking to have someone come sing to the congregation in June.

### **PASTOR'S REPORT**

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

Key highlights include:

Pastor Amy is switching her day off from Thursday to Monday starting in May.

Lots of people have been asking for a blessing of the graduates, so Pastor Amy will be including that in an upcoming Sunday service.

The last day of Sunday school is on Mother's Day.

All of Pastor Amy's vacation days are included in the calendar.



## **MEN'S CLUB AND WELCA REPORT**

**WELCA:** Maids and Margaritas is scheduled for June 1.

**Men's Club:** The numbers from the Fish Fry were down a little bit. They are thinking about going back to baked potatoes next year.

## **TEAM REPORTS**

**Executive:** John Schumacher – The executive team will meet soon to decide if we'll replace the Mission Support position and to decide if we'll hire an administrative assistant. Also, John would like us to get all of our policies and procedures in place, such as the property rental agreement.

**Education:** Alicia Schumacher – Sarah Krogfoss is helping to plan fun events for the Sunday school kids, such as an Easter egg hunt. Bible camp this summer will be at Park River. We still need to find someone who can take the lead for the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten kids at Vacation Bible School.

**Fellowship:** Sara Munson – They are taking on the Fall Frenzy, which is scheduled for October 8. They are also planning a tea party event, probably in May.

**Outreach:** Sharon Gustafson – The food pantry provided 793 pounds of food to 8 households in March. The volunteers for the Feed My Starving Children event made 35,356 meals and donated \$2572. The Gods Work, Our Hands event resulted in the creation of 520 projects for the surrounding community.

**Properties:** Roy Olson – The doors still aren't in, but as soon as the weather improves, they'll get them installed. The youth cleanup is scheduled for May 3<sup>rd</sup>, which will primarily be raking. Roy and Roger Gustafson trimmed the trees on the property. They decided to keep the hedge as a border with the property owner.

**Mission Support:** Position currently vacant. Nothing new to report.

**Worship:** Val Uhler – Val is looking for a lay leader to lead worship the first Sunday of June. There will be no mid-week worship in June.

**Youth:** Pastor Amy – On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the kids are cleaning and raking out back. On May 17<sup>th</sup>, they are going to Southbrook Park. The youth are going to the Newsboys concert on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Property Use Form:**

Roy mentioned that they've been discussing what they're willing to rent out for upcoming graduation party requests. They decided that 4 tables and 25-30 chairs are about all we can rent out while still leaving enough for the fellowship hall. Roy reiterated that it will be a first-come, first-serve basis. Interested parties should contact Roy at 701-891-9972. Once we are at our limit, Roy will let Pastor Amy know. Darwin will help Roy out with developing the property use forms starting in June. There was also some discussion about fees for rentals, and it was mentioned that we could have renters leave a deposit and if everything is returned in good condition, they'd get their money back. We also need a policy for use of the church, such as informing interested parties that they will be charged a fee if they don't clean up afterwards. Pastor Amy mentioned that we need to have outside users of the church, such as 4H and Girl Scouts notify us of use dates at the beginning of the year. If those dates change, they need to notify someone to insure there are no conflicts with use of the space.

**Council and team meeting dates and times:**

The All-Team meeting is May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:15 pm. The summer Council Meeting dates will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of May, June and July at 7:00 pm. The August meeting date will be planned at our June meeting.

**Motion:** Darwin moved to approve the summer Council Meeting dates. Val seconded. Motion carried.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Give team leads access to Church 360:**

Pastor Amy talked about how we struggle with keeping people's contact information current. She would like to give Team Leads, and the chairs of WELCA and the Men's Group access to Church 360 so that they have access to the contact information of the relevant participants.

**Motion:** Alicia moved to allow Team Leads, the WELCA chair and the Men's Group chair access to Church 360. Beth seconded. Motion carried.

**Decide how to spend 2017 mission funds:**

The 2017 Mission Funds will be sent to the Northlands Rescue Mission, CVIC and Sunshine Memorial on a quarterly basis.

**Motion:** Darwin moved to approve this allocation of funds. Paul seconded. Motion carried.

**Move \$10,000 from miscellaneous special fund to a new sign fund:**

The \$10,000 of funds in the Miscellaneous account for a new sign will be moved to new account designated for a new sign. There was a motion for Diane to request that Jamie create a fund for a new sign, and that \$10,000 of funds from the Miscellaneous account be transferred to this new fund.

**Motion:** Sara moved to approve creation of a separate fund for a new sign. Val seconded. Motion carried.

**Motion:** Paul moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m. Sharon seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Bethany Kurz*



Did you know that you can register RIGHT NOW for Vacation Bible School and fall activities? Whether your kids are going to VBS, Sunday School, or Confirmation, you can get them registered for all things fall today! Check out the link on our church website at: <http://www.stmatthewslutheranchurch.org/education.html>

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## Welcome to worship

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Address service requested

Important dates to note this summer:

June 1-Maids & Margaritas at Pastor Amy's

June 11-Blessing of the Bible Campers

(if you are going to Bible Camp, please notify the church office)

July 9-Combined worship with Grand Forks Rural Parish  
at Southbrook Park (potluck to follow)

August 2-Family Dinner and Tie Dye Fun!

August 6-VBS Sunday

August 6-8 Vacation Bible School

August 13-Heritage Sunday

August 20-Blessing of the Backpacks



*Come Join Us!*

