

June 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,

As we move into another summer season together, I hope this note finds you well. We have been busy at Saint Matthew's with weddings and anniversary parties, graduation fun, baptisms, and welcoming Vione onto our staff!

On Mother's Day (May 13) we gathered to celebrate with our Sunday School kids all that they had learned this past year, and we handed out Take-Out Church Buckets to any family that wanted one (we still have some left if you are interested!).

On Pentecost (May 20) we gathered to celebrate our graduates and to talk about how God has been and continues to be "on the move" in our personal lives, in the life of the congregation, in our community, and in the wider world. We celebrated how the Spirit continues to work in and through us, and we began a project that is going to be summer long, by building a paper chain of all the ways that God is on the move in our congregation and community.

I invite you during this summer to stop in at church and fill out strips for how God has been on the move in your life and in your family. We will see if we can get the chain around the sanctuary by Rally Sunday!

I also invite you to check out our blog at <http://saintmattswalkingwet.blogspot.com/> for a weekly devotional that you can do with your family (or by yourself!) wherever you might be on the road to this summer! Also, speaking of summer, don't forget to mark your calendars for our Community-Wide Worship at Southbrook on July 8th at 10:00 am!

Finally, God is on the move in your support of our youth! We have hit our fundraising goal for the Houston trip, and now with about a month to go until we leave, we are preparing our hearts and our minds for the adventure. I'd ask that you keep Ellie, Pierce, Brittany, Bailey and myself in your prayers from June 25-July 2. We look forward to coming home and sharing our stories with you! Thank you for ALL the ways you support our kids!

God is on the move friends, can't wait to see where He leads us next!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Amy



Pastor Amy's Office Hours for June 1-24:

Monday-9:00-Noon

Tuesday-9:00 am- Noon

Wednesday-7:00 am-9:30 am

Thursday-Pastor Amy at Continuing Education in Fargo

Friday- Office Hours available by Appointment

June 25-July 2, Pastor Amy will be traveling with the youth to Houston for the Youth Gathering.



Kitchen Kleaning Party

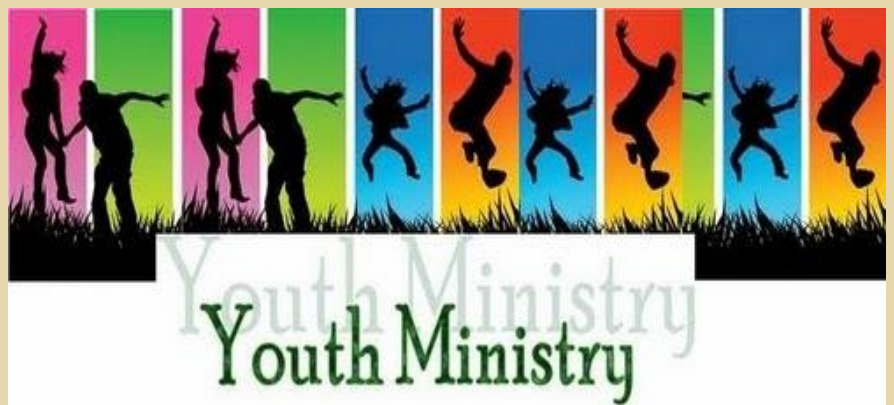
June 7th, 6:30-8:00pm

WELCA members, we will once again get together to clean up and clean out the kitchen. Stop in anytime between 6:30-8:00 and help out. Usually there are enough women so that each person only has to clean a couple of cupboards each.

There will be gift cards hidden around the kitchen. If you pick the right cupboard or drawer, you will win one! See you there!

Youth Group Students – Thank you to all students who have come to LYO this past school year. We have had a very successful year. We will have a back to school bonfire sometime in August. Stay tuned for the date. Enjoy your summer!!!!

6th-12th Graders...Bored and looking for something to do this summer? Pastor Amy would love to hang out with you and your friends. Grab a group of 2 or 3 friends and text Pastor Amy at 218-290-3982. She'll treat you to Cherry Berry or some other fun treat as we catch up on 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 8th. We will be worshipping with Grand Forks Rural Parish (the churches of Walle, East Walle and Evanger)



A potluck will follow the service. More info on that coming soon. 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 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, June 12th from 11am-1pm, and Tuesday, June 26th 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.



Congratulations to our Thompson High School Graduates, whose future plans include:

Braeden Amborn—attending Mayville State College and playing baseball for the Comets. He will be going into criminal justice to “help and care for people”.

Emma Haugen—has accepted a scholarship to study abroad in Germany with the CBYX program.

Whitney Kornkven—currently in her 2nd semester at North Dakota State College of Science, and plans to continue studying there.

Sara Larson—attending Northland Community and Technical College for generals in the fall and then transferring to the University of North Dakota

Cole Sorby—attending Bemidji State University majoring in Biology and playing football for the Beavers.

Steven Widman—this summer plans to continue to work with local ministry. This fall he will be working on his music and recently released an album in February. Eventually he plans to head to NCTC for accounting.



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!

PROPERTIES TEAM.....

A "BIG" Thank You to the Youth Group for the fantastic job they did raking and cleaning the church lawn. Your help is greatly appreciated.



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 Crooked Pint in Grand Forks on June 20 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.

Faith Formation

From the Education Team



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.

Half day VBS will also be offered for Pre-K and K Children.

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.

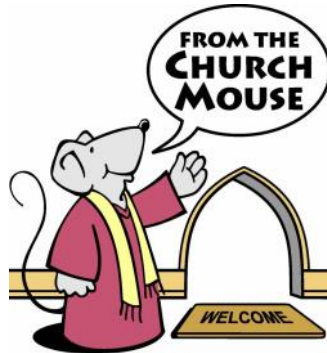


Did you know that you can register RIGHT NOW for Vacation Bible School and fall activities? Whether your kids are going to VBS, Sunday School, or Confirmation, you can get them registered for all things fall today! Check out the link on our church website at: <http://www.stmatthewslutheranchurch.org/education.html>

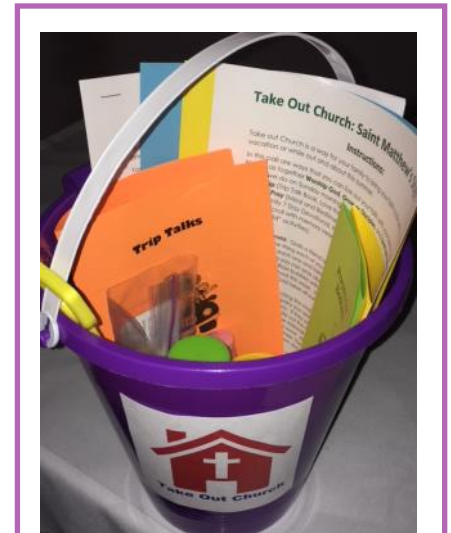
From the Church Mouse

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

- ♦ Roy O and Roger G for all your work on re-siding the shed and for keeping the church grounds looking great.
- ♦ Paul S and Heidi S for all your work with LYO this year
- ♦ To the Youth Team for all your hard work and support you give our youth!
- ♦ Cheryl W for leading Wine, Women, and the Word in Pastor Amy's absence
- ♦ To our quilters for your ministry and your dedication to helping people throughout our community
- ♦ To the 29 LYO Youth that came and cleaned out the back yard, raking and getting it ready for spring
- ♦ Ryan S for ROCKING the Pentecost reading with all the names! You are awesome!
- ♦ Roy O and Roger G for fixing the quilters closet



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



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



We welcome Evelyn & Timothy Pearson into our church family! Evie & Timmy's parents are Damon and Bridget Pearson. Evie's sponsors are

Steven Loken and April Loken and Timmy's sponsors are Adam Sands and Jenni Gerdes. Welcome to our church family Evie and Timmy!



We are excited to announce that Vione Jordheim is officially on our church staff! **We will be having an Office Open House to welcome Vione from 11 am-1:00 pm on Tuesday June 12.** Come and enjoy some food and time to chat with church staff and welcome Vione back to Saint Matthew's!

From the Worship Team

The worship team would like your feedback on summer worship. Would your family be interested in having evening services? If so, what day of the week would work best? Would you like a meal with the service? Would you be willing to help make it happen?

If you and/or your family would be interested in exploring evening worship during the summer, please talk to or email Pastor Amy. If enough interest is expressed, we will re-introduce an evening service.

Also, please remember that during the summer months, we don't have assigned worship assistants. If you and your family are around on Sundays, please consider helping make worship happen by volunteering to read, usher, or helping with communion. Confirmants are also welcome to acolyte and help in other ways to continue getting discipleship in the summer months.

We also are looking for fold that might be willing to help bake some baked goods for coffee klatch. If you are interested in baking, please let Vione know in the church office.



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Youth Team Lead: Paul Strande pstrande59@gmail.com

Worship Team Lead: Deb DeMoe deb.demoe@tps-k12.org

Happy Birthday in June!

- 3 Ursula Hovet,
- 4 Blake Bischoff, Ridge Mayer
- 5 Susan Sondreal
- 7 Cynthia Prom
- 8 Kenneth Dobmeier, Valorie Uhlir
- 10 Lola Anderson, Robyn Bohlman,
- 11 Darin Praska
- 13 Katelyn Kuster
- 14 McKenna Amborn, Lilly Fretheim,
Dean Larson
- 15 Astacia Hansen-Oelrich,
Mary Mitchell
- 16 Devan Praska, Halle Bohlman
- 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



Church Council Meeting April 22, 2018 (unofficial minutes)

IN ATTENDANCE: Pastor Amy, Darwin Potter, James Thorson, Tracie Ivesdal, Roy Olson, Paul Strande, Beth Kurz, Sara Munson, Alicia Schumacher, Sarah Krogfoss, Deb DeMoe

ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Darwin at approximately 11:32 a.m.

LITURGY:

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion: Sara moved approve the agenda. Paul seconded. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion: Paul motioned to approve the February 25 meeting minutes. Deb seconded. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Tracie summarized the financial reports for March. General Giving income was \$11,204.98. Net income for March was \$944.57. As of March 30, the General Giving checking account balance was at \$9,986.29. Special Giving net income for March was \$1,726.89. The Special Giving checking account balance is at \$46,767.76.

Tracie discussed a draft budget report that she compiled to provide more detail on Special Giving accounts, such as details on each transaction for each fund. Tracie thought this would be a good way for the team leads to double-check their associated accounts to make sure that funds are being deposited and coming out of the current fund. Pastor Amy asked if we could list how much was budgeted in each fund for the year. Tracie responded that she could add it. If anyone would like to see additional detail, please talk to Tracie.

Motion: Deb moved to approve the Financial Reports. Beth seconded. Motion carried.

CALENDAR REVIEW

Darwin reminded everyone that our next Council meeting is May 30 at 6:30.

No changes were made to the calendar.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Amy pointed out that she is taking a continuing education class for the next seven Thursdays. Because Thursdays are Pastor Amy's day off, Paul asked if she was going to choose a different day off. Pastor Amy stated that she'll figure it out, but once the administrative assistant starts, that will help.

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 had a discussion about donating money to help support the purchase of a second oven. We would like to replace one of the ovens with a double oven because we are currently limited on space. Darwin thinks that the money needs to come out of the Properties budget because the ovens are used by multiple groups. Sara mentioned that the Men's Club was also willing to put money towards it, as well as WELCA. The properties team will decide which oven they think we should get and how it should be paid for and they'll bring it to the council.

They are targeting June 7 for Maids-N-Margaritas.

Men's Club: Darwin reported that they are discussing how to spend some of the funds that they have where they should put the funds that they have – they have more than they've given. They are planning on purchasing a second fryer for the fish fry (~ \$1000) in case one of the existing fryers goes down. They also discussed having officers to be more official, which will be decided in the next few weeks.

TEAM REPORTS

Executive: Darwin Potter – We will provide an update on the administrative assistant position later in the meeting.

Education: Alicia Schumacher – Mother's Day is our last day of Sunday school. The kids will be reciting their memory work. Alicia will be recruiting teachers for next year and someone to lead the Sunday school opening in the Worship Hall.

Fellowship: Sara Munson – They are planning the tie dye event in August.

Outreach: Sarah Krogfoss – We had Gods Work Our Hands two weeks ago. It went well, but attendance was down compared to last year. There were a lot of other activities going on that weekend which could explain the low attendance. Pastor Amy ended up buying all the supplies for that event, so next year we might end up asking for people to help out with purchasing supplies, such as through a giving tree. We made freezer meals, oatmeal bags for the mission, toys for the humane society, non-stick socks for the nursing home, pictures for the nursing home and teacher appreciation gifts.

Several members also participated in the Feed My Starving Children event. St. Matthews ended up donating \$2782.26, enough to buy 12,668 meals that will feed about 35 kids to eat for a year.

Sarah is still planning the pop on over for July. Sarah asked if we should have the pumpkin patch next year. Darwin asked if there were any issues with it – Sarah mentioned that Sara Munson had to help weed it last year. There were no issues mowing around it. Sarah is willing to do it if we are interested.

Properties: Roy Olson – Last week the property crew and Darwin wired in the new speakers. All the wiring is pretty much done, except to check the wiring on the amps. They are going to fix the siding on the shed this coming week. The mechanical room is coming along – Duane has been working on cleaning that out. The chair rack and several long tables were moved out of the man cave and put in the shed. They might also put shelves in the man cave but they need to determine if there is enough space. Darwin thanked them for their work.

Worship: Deb DeMoe – They revamped the worship duty teams for the entire year, trying to take into account the schedules of individual families. That is complete. May's worship teams will be going out in the coming newsletter. With Pastor Amy having to be gone, we may need help with pulpit supply and lay ministry. Deb is also working to get some special worship music added.

Youth: Paul Strande – Now that Lent season is over, they've been able to do other activities. They met 2 weeks ago and again this week. They made blankets and are hoping to schedule a time to rake. They are meeting this week and then they only have 1 more LYO coming up. They will probably do the back-to-school bonfire in August.

OLD BUSINESS

Food Panty Update

No update.

Sound System Update

This is a work in progress. They are about 50% done. There is some additional equipment they need to order. There were some issues with feedback that will get resolved over the next few weeks. They are hoping to have Bluetooth capabilities for the music. There are 17 can speakers now throughout the church. Some of the volume controls aren't working, but they'll get those fixed. There are automatic volume controls on the system that they weren't aware of, so that was an added bonus.

Administrative Position Update

We hired Vione for the administrative assistant position. She'll start her training on May 7.

Building Repair Lists

Darwin has everyone's building repair and classroom needs lists.

Line of Credit Increase

The line of credit increase on the credit card was raised to \$5000. It was made active last Wednesday. If anyone is using the card for online purchases, they should get the receipt to Jamie right away along with the justification and appropriate fund. The receipts are important for auditing purposes, as well as to insure that there are no fraudulent activities. With our credit line increase, there is more opportunity for a higher dollar amount of fraudulent charges. Tracie suggested that folks can take a picture of their receipt right away so they have a record. Pastor Amy is the only one who has a copy of the credit card, but sometimes online purchases are made by others. Tracie also recommended that we list a second number for the fraud alert services (aside from the main church number) so we can make sure that we are alerted right away.

NEW BUSINESS

Building Repair Work

We had talked about having a day in the spring or the summer to have folks come in and help with church repairs and/or painting. Pastor Amy reminded us that there is a wedding May 20th, so to avoid planning it for that day. There are no graduation parties this year that are using the church.

Church Health Meeting

Darwin was thinking that it would be nice to have a whole-church meeting this fall to further discuss ideas for the church and to get feedback from the congregation. Darwin mentioned that maybe we'd have several smaller meetings to make sure we gain everyone's input. We could have a potluck during the meetings. We could also have one or two topic ideas to help spur discussion. Deb mentioned that in the past we had also members fill out a survey. Darwin thought the fall would be a good time since kids are just coming back for Sunday school. Sara mentioned that it could also be an opportunity to talk about some of our achievements, such as the size of the Sunday school classes and the involvement of the youth, how we are present in the community, etc... We have a lot of kids here, which is great. Paul mentioned that there are a few kids from other churches that regularly participate in our LYO activities. Darwin thought that we be a great way to open the meetings with a summary of our successes.

Next Meeting Reminder

Reminder that our next council meeting is Wednesday, May 30 at 6:30 pm.

Motion: Beth motioned to adjourn. Deb seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting closed at 12:43 pm. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Kurz

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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

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