

June 2022

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church
701 Broadway Street
Thompson, ND 58278
(701)-599-2081
stmatthewslutheranchurch.org

The Messenger

From the Call Committee

We have met on a few occasions, meeting with Pastor Brad who will guide us through the process and Deacon Laura who is the Assistant to the Bishop. We are currently working to complete the Ministry Site Profile and plan to have this ready to be submitted the beginning of June. Thank you to everyone who took time to complete the congregation survey or provide input to the Call Committee. Bre Berberich & Megan Bohlman will be the committee co-chairs and communicators, other members are Jen Starcevic, Duane Naas, Mary Mitchell, Chelsea Lupien and Scott Kuster.

We ask for prayers, for guidance, as we work through the call process!

St Matthew's Call Committee



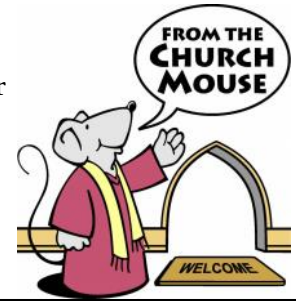
Pastor John Ahola will be covering our pastoral needs beginning May 29. He can be reached at 701-318-2882 or jmahola@gmail.com.

Happy Birthday in June!

2	Michele Burger
3	Ursula Hovet
4	Blake Bischoff, Ridge Mayer
5	Susie Sondreal
8	Kenneth Dobmeier, Valorie Uhlir
10	Lola Anderson, Robyn Bohlman, Brooke Bakke
11	Darin Praska
12	Marlyce Peterson, Case Moen, Grace Burger
13	Katelyn Kuster
14	McKenna Amborn, Lilly Fretheim, Dean Larson
15	Astacia Hansen-Oelrich, Mary Mitchell
16	Devan Praska, Halle Bohlman
17	Ryan Fretheim, Kali Shaul, Whitney Kornkven
18	Adam Ackerman, Heather Foote
19	Mavrik Peterson
21	Willa Monson
24	Cindy Eliason
25	Allison McGauvran, Bill Mitchell, Kjersten Lopez
26	Natalie Berger
28	Marcus Benoit, Larin Ivesdal
29	Emma Haugen
30	Eisley Laxdal

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

- ◆ Roy O & Mike U's "Landscaping Co" for fixing the edges of grass along the parking lot and servicing the lawn mower.
- ◆ Sara M for ordering the beautiful cake for our graduates
- ◆ Emily D for the beautifully hand-written signs in the entry



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



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The Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly will take place on June 4th & 5th in Fargo. Please keep Paul and Sonia Galegher in your prayers as they represent St. Matthew's.

There are no families assigned for worship assistants during the summer. If you are willing to help with communion, ushering or reading, please sign up at the church, on the website or give Val 701-739-6282 or Sue 701-739-3227 a call or text. Thanks for considering this request.

The Worship Team



Thompson Food Pantry

The Thompson Food Pantry is open on Tuesday, June 14th from 11am-1pm, and Tuesday, June 28th from 6pm-8pm. The pantry serves the communities of Thompson, Buxton, and Reynolds. For more information on the pantry, talk to Mary Mitchell (599-2870) or Paul Galegher (741-1375)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Sunday July 31—Tuesday August 2

Online registration is now available for VBS '22: Knights of Abounding Love — for children ages 4-12. To register go to www.stmatthewslutheranchurch.org/sunday-school and click on the Vacation Bible School form to get registered today!

There will be a lot of fun activities, singing songs, making crafts, playing games and even some snacks!





St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Meeting

Date: May 15, 2022

In Attendance: John Schumacher, Ryan Welsh, Duane Naas, Sue Simon, Sarah Krogfoss, Justin Bergeron, Sara Munson, Trinity Bohlman, Kory Sondreal

Absent: Chelsea Lupien, Robyn Bohlman, Beth Kurz

Call To Order: Meeting was called to order by John Schumacher at 10:55

Agenda Approval: John would like to add Valley Senior Living Foundation to new business. Second by Ryan Welsh. MPU

Minutes Approval: Moved and second; MPU

Financial Reports:

Church insurance was discussed with Church Audit Committee of Trinity Bohlman and Kory Sondreal. Church Mutual is our insurance provider. Our insurance provider will be canceling our old policy and will be starting a new policy. New premium is a \$5,302 policy that is \$802 over budget and \$560 over prior years.

Discussed to make sure our policy will cover our church building and all church activities we do in our church and on the church grounds. \$2.1 Million is now what we have for value on our Church in our policy. Church Audit Committee will discuss with our insurance provider agent to discuss our policy.

Financial Reports Summary	March	April
	2022	2022
General Giving Income	\$12,094	\$10,306
Year-to-Date Net Income*	\$2,086	\$759
General Giving Checking Account	\$19,045	\$16,553
Special Giving Checking Account	\$32,500	\$34,118
Line of Credit	\$0	\$0

Calendar Review:

Church will have senior recognition on May 22nd. LYO will also have senior recognition on Wednesday, May 18th.

Pastor Report:

None

Men's Club & WELCA Report: WELCA will hold event on May 18th.

Team Reports:

Executive Team: John Schumacher- Pastor John Ahola will start as our interim pastor May 29th and take care of our pastoral needs as long as we need.

Education: Sarah Krogfoss- VBS will be held July 31st to Aug 2nd. Rebecca Kjelland from Park River Bible Camp will lead our church service on July 31st. Sarah will be given a key to the church building for easier access to the church during VBS. Talked about security cameras on outside of building is loud inside class rooms, Duane will talk to security people to see if anything can be done with this noise.

Fellowship: Sara Munson- Nothing

Outreach: Beth Kurz- Nothing

Properties: Duane Naas- Roy and Mike got church mower serviced and ready for summer use

Worship: Sue Simon- Need people to step up this summer and help serve during church service.

Youth: Chelsea Lupien- Senior recognition will be Wednesday May 18th at LYO and also during church service on May 22nd.

Ruby's Pantry: Sara Munson- Next Ruby's Pantry event is May 19th

Food Pantry: Served 9 adults; 4 children; 7 house holds; 454 pounds of food; 2 seniors;

Call Committee: Hand out surveys to church members today after church. Want surveys returned to call committee before their next meeting on May 25th. They will work on updating our church membership profile.

Old Business:

HB Light and Sound – Duane received bid for all new audio system for \$6,892. Item was tabled for now to discuss more in the future.

New Business:

Shaved Ice- John was asked by someone that wants to sell Shaved Ice in our parking lot some days during the summer. He has done it in the past and donated some money to LYO for allowing him to do this. A motion was made by Sara M. to allow this Shaved Ice person to sell shaved ice in the church parking lot a couple times during the summer... Sarah K. second... MPU

Ruby's Pantry & their use of St. Matthews Dumpster: Ruby's Pantry talked to Countrywide Sanitation Company about either having an additional dumpster pick up or bringing a larger dumpster for Ruby's Pantry to use during their monthly distributions due to Ruby's Pantry filling the dumpster completely. Right now, St. Matthew's pays \$158 per month for the current dumpster. Countrywide Sanitation will charge an additional \$100 to come and have an additional pickup or \$260.10 to have a bigger dumpster. It was moved that the church will pay the additional \$100 additional pickup charge that will be reimbursed by Ruby's Pantry for this additional pickup charge quarterly.

Ruby's Pantry clarified that they receive 10% of proceeds (which is around \$2) for each share that is deposited into the Ruby Pantry's Pop-Up Pantry – Thompson account. St. Matthew's does not receive any money for this, but Ruby's Pantry can be approached by St. Matthew's for a donation for specific items or projects within the church. Ruby's Pantry will provide a free will offering for use of space and paper products during monthly distributions.

Thompson School Park- Sarah Krogfoss discussed if the church would want to donate to the new school play ground. This is something that is not in the church budget, but was discussed that maybe this is something that should not be taken from the church general budget, but this is something that should be brought to Men's Group and/or WELCA if they want to donate money to this Playground Campaign. Have until July 1st to discuss.

Valley Senior Living Foundation- John talked about VSL doing an event to raise money and asked our church to donate money to this event. Don't have anything in our church budget for this. Moved to decline donating money to this event. MPU

Next Meeting: June 19th 8:30 AM

Motion to adjourn made by Sue Simon, seconded by Justin Bergeron, MPU

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted

Ryan Welsh

Take flat Jesus with you on vacation;
to the beach, the park and even the
gas station!

Snap a picture and include him too
Remember He is always with you.

Send your pictures to
stmattsvione@gmail.com and we'll post
them on the bulletin board.





Our High School Graduates and their future plans....

Cole Potter—attend UND—Commercial Aviation; joining the National Guard

Ryan Strande—attend Mayville State—Social Science Education

Connor Praska—attend UND—Computer Science

Lacey Daucsavage-Haskell—attend UND—Pre-Med

Connor Welsh—attend UND—Physical Therapy & Athletic Training

Josie Schumacher—attend Mayville State—Education

Averie Geatz—attend NDSU—Radiologic Sciences

Bailey Munson—attend Lake Region State College—Psychology and play volleyball

Emma Wilson—researching her options

Jasmine Welke—attend UND—Nursing

Blake Schultz—attend Bismarck State College—Electrical Line Worker

Evie Janousek—moving to Great Falls, MT—Taxidermy

Riley Kornkven

Jordan Senger

Our College Graduates

Kristie Adams—Masters Degree Medical Laboratory Science

Seth Arntz—Doctor of Medicine

Laura Benoit—Doctor of Optometry

Allie Ivesdal—RN Associate Degree

Ellie Schumacher—Associate Degree continuing on to UND for Occupational Therapy

Wade Strande—Double Associate Degrees continuing on to NDSU for Crop & Weed Science

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Welcome to worship

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

In Person and live on our YouTube Channel

Address service requested



Join us for summer worship in-person or online!

Have a great Summer!