

June and July 2019

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# The Messenger

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Chances are, as you are reading this newsletter, you are thinking about places you are going this summer and things you are planning on doing. Like me, you are probably thankful for warmer weather and finally being able to get out and enjoy it. As I write this letter, I am beginning preparations for Synod Assembly in Fargo and then my big trip to Michigan.

Some of you have heard about this trip, and others have not. I am returning to the area where I was born in the thumb of Michigan. I will be visiting with family friends from when I was little, as well as for the first time in my life, meeting some of my biological family. This year has been filled with searching for and connecting with various members of my biological family. This June I will meet my biological father and some of my half siblings for the first time. I ask for your prayers as I travel to meet them, and promise to share stories and pictures upon my return.

Flat Jesus will be going with me to Michigan, so stay tuned for some fun pictures. I hope that you will take Flat Jesus along with you wherever you might be traveling to this summer... whether that is down to the ball field or across the country, we would love to see pictures of Flat Jesus with your family! Remember when you post pictures of Flat Jesus to either tag Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church, or post it to our church Facebook or Instagram pages. Don't forget to use the hashtag: #stmattsflatjesus

If you are looking for some other fun things to do this summer, let me suggest a few:

- Join us on **Wednesday, June 5** for a simplified **Campfire Service** as we kick off summer together! We will gather at **6:30 pm**, and weather permitting enjoy making hotdogs and s'mores over the fire while worshipping outside. If it is a rain date, come join us anyway, and we will find a way to have an indoor version of the service with food available. All are welcome to come, bring some food to share if you wish, and we will enjoy worshipping and fellowshiping together! Our other **summer Wednesday worship** date will be **July 31**, so be sure to get that one on your calendar as we get excited for Vacation Bible School!
- Join us during Thompson Days and the All School Reunion weekend as we take worship to Southbrook Park! We will gather on **July 14 at 10:00 am for Community-Wide Worship** and then have a potluck lunch together.

I also invite you to check out our blog at <http://saintmattswalkingwet.blogspot.com/> Each week from Memorial Day to Labor Day you can look their for a weekly devotional that you can do with your family (or by yourself!) You can also check out our Saint Matthew's Facebook page for a fun game of **Where in Grand Forks County is Flat Jesus?** There will be prizes for those who play along!

However you are spending your summer days, I hope you are able to spend time with your loved ones, and able to find ways to renew your spirit in these beautiful days that God has blessed us with. If you are in town on a Sunday, come and join us for worship at 10 am! Have a wonderful June and July!

Grace and peace, *Pastor Amy Eisenmann*



**Thank You!!!**

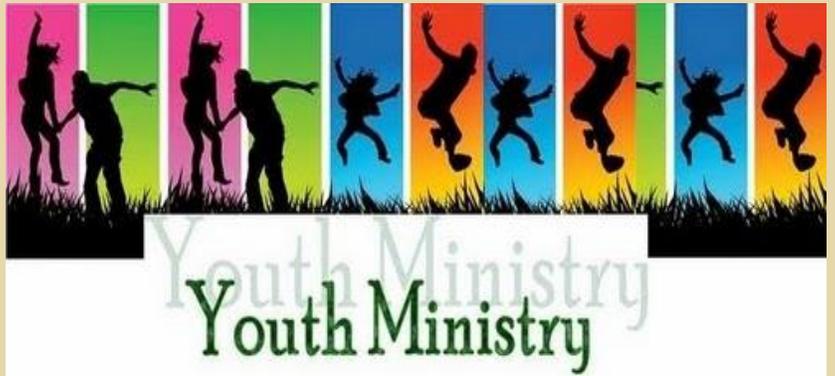
Thank you for the finals care package!  
It was a nice surprise and I really appreciated it!  
Cole S.

Thank you so much for the kind words and the care package! It is much appreciated during a tough finals week. It's such a great help to have all this support!  
Thanks again.  
Sam L.

Thank you so much for the gift bag given to Cancer Center patients. I loved everything in it, especially the beautiful card! It made my day! Please pass it along to the kids who wrote in the cards.  
Thanks again,  
Karen B.

**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!



 **Come as You Are – God Doesn't  
Take the Summer Off  
10 am Sunday Worship**

# Loving Neighbors

## Wednesday night worship

This summer we will be offering two evenings of family fun and worship. On June 5, we will gather for campfire worship outside. Bring your smores sticks if you have them, there will be hot dogs to roast, marshmallows and smore items available and we will worship outside. If the weather is ominous join us for an inside bonfire and we will eat inside too.



On July 31, join us for game night! There will be cornhole, Norwegian golf, ladder ball, and volleyball. Bring a snack to



share and we will worship and then play games starting at 6:30.

In case of inclement weather, game night will move inside—bring your favorite board game to share.

We hope you and your family can join us for one or both of these worship and fellowship opportunities.



We would like to welcome everyone to come and join us at 10 am for a special worship out at Southbrook Park on July 14th during Thompson Days and the All School Reunion.

We will be worshipping with Grand Forks Rural Parish (the churches of Walle, East Walle and Evanger), and anyone else who would like to join us.

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!



## Thompson Food Pantry

The Thompson Food Pantry is open on Tuesday, June 11th from 11am-1pm, and Tuesday, June 25th from 6pm-8pm. The pantry serves the communities of Thompson, Buxton, and Reynolds. For more information on the pantry, talk to Kristie Adams at 701-741-7669.



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 **Duane @ 701-215-1809**. 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!

Pastor Amy's Office  
Hours for June/July:  
June 3-5 9:00-Noon  
June 10-12 9:00-Noon  
June 28 10:00-Noon



July 1-2 9:00-Noon, July 5 10:00-Noon @Panera  
July 9-10 9:00-Noon, July 12 10:00-Noon @ Panera  
July 16-17 9:00-Noon, July 19 10:00-Noon @ Panera  
July 23-24 9:00-Noon, July 26 10:00-Noon @ Panera  
Other hours by appointment. Pastor Amy will be unavailable from June 13-June 27 for vacation. Thank you for giving her time away to rest and renew.

Vione's Office Hours for June/July:

June 3-4 9:00-Noon; June 5-18 Out of the Office  
June 19-21 9:00-Noon  
July 2-3 9:00-Noon; July 9 9:00-1:00  
July 10 9:00-Noon; July 16-17 9:00-Noon  
July 22 & 24 9:00-Noon

## 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.

**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.

**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 Wine, Women, and the Word crew will be at L'Bistro in Grand Forks on June 11 at 6:30 pm, and at Cheryl Widman's on July 16 @ 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!

# Faith Formation

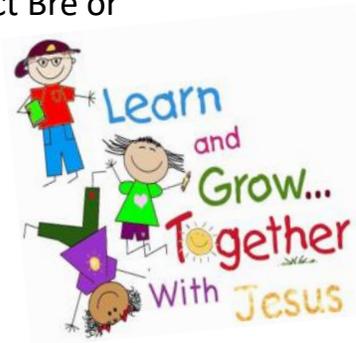
## From the Education Team

We are already planning **Vacation Bible School**, so mark your calendars for August 5-7! Park River Bible camp will be coming to lead us in a FUN 3-day event! Registration info coming soon to your inbox!

Sunday School Teachers Needed!! Interested in teaching or team teaching our AWESOME kids or know someone who would be a great addition? Contact Bre or email [breberberich@gmail.com](mailto:breberberich@gmail.com)

## Dates to remember!

- \*VBS – August 5-7
- \*Rally Sunday September 8



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

*Adam Ackerman* – attend Dakota State University studying Cyber Security.

*Allie Ivesdal* – attend Lake Region State College pursuing her RN degree and then attend either Mayville State or UND for Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

*Ashley Potter* – attend NDSU pursuing Pharmacy.

*Brittney Munson* – attend UND majoring in Nursing.

*Christian Widman* – work at Widman's Candy while discerning other future plans.

*Hayden Overby* – attend UND (undecided on major) and play football.

*Josh Sem* – attend NDSU studying Crop and Weed Science with an interest in Agronomy.

*Kameron Anderson* – attend Dakota State University studying Cyber Leadership and Intelligence.

*Lucy Sutter-Hegg* – attend UND and is currently working at Valley Eldercare.

*Marcus Hughes* – attend Mayville State University and play baseball.

*Mason Albin* – attend SDSU Brookings studying architecture and animation.

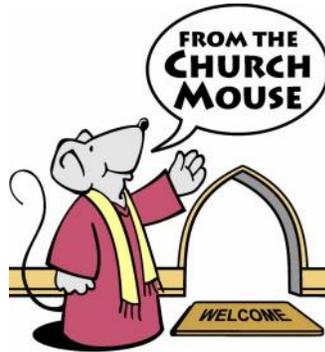
*Riley Stoe* – attend Lake Region State College pursuing an Associate of Science degree and shoot on the trap team and then continue on for a degree in Wildlife Biology.

*Taylor Zak* – attend Mayville State University pursuing a degree in Elementary Education.

# From the Church Mouse

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

- ◆ Sharon G and Sue S for helping fill Church Take Out buckets.
- ◆ Sarah K for organizing God's Work Our Hands projects.
- ◆ Sarah K and Deb D for delivering God's Work Our Hands projects.
- ◆ Julie B for organizing our trip to Feed My Starving Children
- ◆ Roy O for mowing
- ◆ Bre B for organizing the end of the year Sunday School fun
- ◆ One and Done for installing the new lock on the kitchen door



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 for you!**



We welcome Elise EllaMae Belle into our church family! Elsie's parents are Nolan and Bree Belle. Her sponsors are Tyler and Ashley Pawlowski.

Welcome to our church family Elise!

## Happy Birthday in June!

- 3 Ursula Hovet,
- 4 Blake Bischoff, Ridge Mayer
- 5 Susan Sondreal
- 7 Cynthia Prom
- 8 Kenneth Dobmeier, Valorie Uhler
- 10 Lola Anderson, Robyn Bohlman,
- 11 Darin Praska
- 12 Marlyce Peterson
- 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, Heather Foote
- 19 Mavrik Peterson
- 21 Willa Monson
- 24 Cindy Eliason
- 25 Allison McGauvran, Bill Mitchell, Kjersten Lopez
- 28 Marcus Benoit, Larin Ivesdal, Elsa PromSchmidt
- 29 Emma Haugen

## From the Worship Team

*As the summer approaches, and  
warm weather draws near,  
St. Matthew's would love to see you all  
here.*

*Please come and worship and hear  
God's word,  
For His message is given for all to be  
heard!*

## Hope to see you all throughout summer worship!



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## Happy Birthday in July!

- 1 Joely Anderson
- 2 Jennifer Haugen, JoEllen McGauvran, Lucy Sutter-Hegg, Emily Overby
- 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, Adalee Foote
- 17 Brittney Monson, Hunter Praska, Jacob Zak
- 18 Wyatt Bergeron, Zac Haugen
- 19 Bo Fossum, Alyssa Hovet
- 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, Tamara Roberts, Madison Sundberg



# COUNCIL MINUTES

April Council Meeting-Held May 8, 2019 @ 7 PM

Present: James Thorson, Scott Kuster, Tracie Ivesdal, Duane Naas, Sarah Krogfoss, Bre Berberich, Deb DeMoe, Pastor Amy Eisenmann, Angie Muhs, Paul Strande,  
Absent: Chelsea Lupien

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM.

Pastor Amy led us in Devotions

Meeting agenda shared. Sarah moved to approve the agenda as amended. Paul seconded, MPU.

Minutes from April 7, 2019 Council meeting shared. Paul moved to approve the minutes, Deb seconded, MPU.

#### Financial Report:

Totals for April--General Checking balance is \$3,886.02 and the Special Giving Checking balance is \$28,326.21. General Giving Income for April is \$17,326.30 with Total Expenses of \$13,871, resulting in a net gain of \$3,454.45 in April with a year to date total loss of \$6,898.74.

Total current liabilities \$2,000 from a line of credit.

Looking to complete a midyear audit for June or July.

Deb moved to approve the financials as amended. Scott seconded. MPU

#### Calendar Review:

Wine, Women and Word is cancelled for May 14.

WELCA meeting May 19 after church service.

Food Pantry board meeting June 11, 2019

Next council meeting June 12, 2019 @ 6:30 PM

WELCA/Men's Club Report: Men's club did well with the fish fry financially. They are looking into possible donation recipients. If you have ideas to donate, please talk with a member of the Men's group.

WELCA meeting changed from May 5 to May 19. WELCA is addressing kitchen clean up, the backpack program, and are considering a float in the Thompson Days parade. Pie sales were good during lent.

\$1477 raised during Spin for Kids campaign through the bake sale, WELCA, men's club, outreach, and online donations.

Pastor report: Pastor Amy provided a pastor's report. She thanked all for the help during Holy week and the last few months. Pastor Amy will be on vacation June 13-27<sup>th</sup>. The rest of Pastor's report in written form can be found in the minutes' binder in the church office.

#### Team Reports:

Exec- James reported that there are no new updates.

Education- Bre provided a report. Last meeting was on April 22. There are now 16 members on the team. Discussed a possible boost program in which kids earn points throughout the year to maintain church school attendance. Discussion regarding a Wednesday night Sunday school option and a survey may be sent out regarding this. The committee has been discussing a possible marriage conference to include the rural parishes as well. May 12<sup>th</sup> is the final day of Sunday school with the youth singing in worship. Addressed memory and the goal to increase memory work accountability for church school. Discussing a possible Junior LYO for grades 4-8.

Fellowship- James provided Chelsea's report. Goat Yoga planned for June 25<sup>th</sup>. Talking about a possible food truck as well during that event.

Outreach- Sarah provided a report. Outreach sponsored two riders in Spin for Kids. God's work our hands was two weeks ago and had a good turnout. Some projects included chemo kits for Altru patients, pens for teachers, popcorn bags for firefighters and police officer in Thompson, six freezer meals, dog toys for humane society, prayer shawls, get well cards for chemo kits, and tissue paper flowers. Feed my starving children event was a success with around 40 volunteers from St. Matthew's attending. Pop on Over is in July. Hoping for more participation this year. Asked about when and where to plant pumpkin patch

#### Food Pantry-

June 11 is the next quarterly meeting. Statistics below:

January: Provided 339lbs to 7 households.

February: Provided 274lbs to 6 households.

March: Provided 223lbs to 8 households.

Property- Duane reported \$980 bid to restripe the parking lot from Tri state paving. Planning for 50 stalls, 6 handicapped spaces, and 4 hash areas. Light in parking lot on west side could be attached to the building and could remove the existing pole. Plan to look at light on east side of church as well. Considered increasing parking lot by 50 feet from edge of concrete. Information gathering in progress. New chimes installed on doors. Lock placed on cabinet.

Worship- Deb provided a report. Kuddos to pastor Amy for her hard work over Holy week and thank you to all who helped. Upcoming dates include Senior Sunday May 19 and youth singing on May 12. No assigned worship families for June and July. Please complete the survey related to summer worship options.

Youth- Paul provided a report. Last LYO was May 8<sup>th</sup>. There were around 24 students present. John Schumacher and Paul are finishing Financial Peace for teens. This has been a good experience.

#### Old Business:

Building security: Pastor Amy found option for a smart lock. Cost will be around \$330 plus labor. Lock can be used with a key, code or smart phone technology. Call into Keith's lock and Key for install options. Smart Hub technology allows chimes to alert when people enter the side doors.

Development of Overflow parking: TPS will use open lot west of church for track and field. Looking at extending lot by 50 feet from edge of pavement.

#### New Business:

Mission and Strategic plan: James introduced topic of starting a mission and strategic plan. A draft option

provided for guidance. James encouraged people to share their thoughts and ideas. Goal would be to have a plan in place to guide the council and church ongoing and long term.

Sabbatical: Committee will meet in August. Scott will start to work on plans prior to the meeting.

Next Council meeting is Wednesday, June 12 @ 6:30 PM.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Angie Muhs

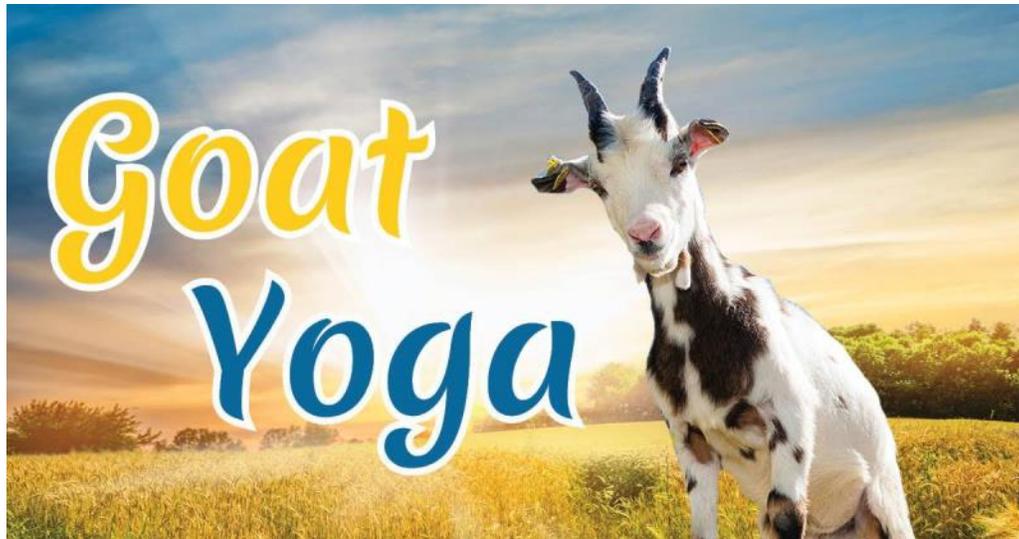


### **Kitchen Kleaning Party**

**June 5th, after Campfire Worship**

WELCA members, we will once again get together to clean up and clean out the kitchen. Stop in after worship 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!



**Goat Yoga @ St. Matthew's  
Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 7-8 PM**

Yoga mats are encouraged (the ground is hard!) but not required.

No yoga experience necessary – this is a family friendly fun activity open to all ages and abilities!

This event is sponsored by the St. Matthew's Fellowship Team.

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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](http://www.stmatthewslutheranchurch.org/education.html)

REGISTER TODAY!



Come Join Us!

