

May 2022

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church
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The Messenger

A message from your Council President

On April 24 the council selected a Call committee. The committee includes:

Mary Mitchell
Duane Nass
Megan Bohlman
Bre Berberich
Jen Starcevic
Scott Kuster
Chelsea Lupien

I want to thank these members for volunteering their time to select a new Pastor for St Matthew's. Please keep them in your prayers.

The first task of the Call committee will include updating our Ministry Site Profile (MSP). The MSP is a document that gives a perspective Pastor a description of who we are and our vision for our mission. Once complete it will be posted to the synod website for perspective Pastors to study.

The Call committee will also meet with synod staff early in May, to discuss the Call Process.

The council is working to find Pulpit Supply to cover Sunday services. We are doing our best to cover the spiritual need of St Matthews.

I again want to thank Pastor Kristen for covering our spiritual needs through lent.

Peace,
John Schumacher



Youth Group Students – There are only two LYO nights left for the year; May 4 and May 18th.

CONFIRMATION

May 4th will be the last day of Class.

Be sure to join us for S'mores and Outdoor Games.



Women's Bible Study
May 16 @ 9:30 am
at the church

Women of all ages are welcome!

Education

Sunday School News!

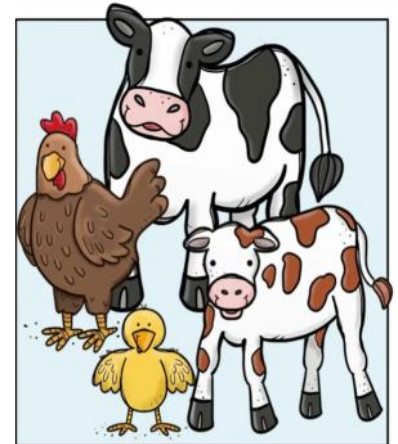
Our Sunday school students have a lot to celebrate as we near the end of our year of Christian education! We have had great attendance and behavior. The students have also been very diligent about bringing their Bibles each Sunday and actively using them.

Each class has been working towards a goal of an animal to donate to a family way outside of our doors. They have been racking up points each Sunday for attendance, good behavior and bringing their Bibles. Some classes have close to 8,000 points collected so far!

On our last day of Sunday school, May 8th, our students will tally their points and count their class funds for the final time. Once they have their totals they will pick out the animals of their choice to donate. This will be done through a "Living Gift Market" which the entire congregation is invited to participate in.

Our Sunday school Living Gift Market will last a few days. Participants can buy living gifts like goats or cows, which will supply families with nutritious milk to drink, share and sell. Our hope is that through our Living Gift Market our Sunday school and congregation will be able to provide gifts of livestock to help break the cycle of hunger and poverty. What a great way to celebrate the achievements of our students!!

*See the flyer on page 5 if you are interested in participating. Additional information will be available soon.



On the last day of Sunday school we will also be recognizing our Sunday school and confirmation teachers, the children will be singing during worship, and the students will be putting together something special for the mothers in their lives!

Registration is now open for VBS! *Turn the page for the info.

Bible School

St. Matthew's VBS '22 Registration



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: Sunday, July 31st – Tuesday, August 2nd
*7/31 start time subject to change.
Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm
Location: St. Matthew's Lutheran Church
Cost: \$15/Pre-K (1/2 day - Age 4 - 9am - 12pm)
\$30/Kindergarten - 5th Grade (Full Day/Ages 5 - 12)
No more than \$60/family



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

Student's Name: _____ Age/Grade: _____

Students' Name: _____ Age/Grade: _____

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:

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

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Or place in the education mailbox at the church.

Questions: Contact Sarah @ 218-791-2416



Loving Neighbors



LIVING GIFT MARKET

CHOOSE A MEANINGFUL GIFT TO HELP FAMILIES AROUND THE WORLD ACHIEVE SELF-RELIANCE.



HEIFER

FULL » \$500 SHARE » \$50

Cows can fully change a family's life! A dairy cow can give four gallons of milk a day — enough to eat, drink and sell.



WATER BUFFALO

FULL » \$250 SHARE » \$25

Water buffalo are often called "living tractors" because they allow a farmer to plant four times more than by hand.



ALPACA

FULL » \$150 SHARE » \$20

Alpacas can survive in harsh climates, their padded hooves protect the soil, and they provide warm wool.



GOAT

FULL » \$120 SHARE » \$10

A goat is one tough animal. Goats can survive in almost any climate, and they can provide up to a gallon of milk a day.



SHEEP

FULL » \$120 SHARE » \$10

Sheep are a triple threat, providing wool, meat and milk. Families use wool to make clothes or sell it for extra income.



PIG

FULL » \$120 SHARE » \$10

Pigs are great investments for farmers. They can live a long time (10-15 years) and are super low maintenance.



RABBIT

FULL » \$60 SHARE » \$10

Rabbits are easy to raise — they just need to stay warm, dry and fed. They thrive on grass and scraps from the kitchen.



CHICKENS

FULL » \$20

A chicken can lay more than 200 eggs a year, providing a reliable source of protein for children and an extra income stream.



HONEYBEES

FULL » \$30

Bees are easy to keep and can double fruit and vegetable yields through pollination.



TREE SEEDLINGS

FULL » \$60 SHARE » \$10

Trees are a cornerstone of our ecosystem. They help produce cleaner air and healthier soil, and they provide firewood.



A Gift Ark donation includes a pair of water buffalo, cows, sheep and goats, as well as bees, chicks, rabbits and more. A Gift Ark can provide entire communities with milk, eggs, honey and wool, boosting both nutrition and income. These animals will become life-changing gifts for families around the world!

FULL » \$5,000

GIFT ARK



HEIFER.ORG/LIVINGGIFTLIST | 888.5HUNGER (888.548.6437)



Thompson Food Pantry

The Thompson Food Pantry is open on Tuesday, May 10th from 11am-1pm, and Tuesday, May 24th from 6pm-8pm. The pantry serves the communities of Thompson, Buxton, and Reynolds. For more information on the pantry, talk to Mary Mitchell (701-599-2870) or Paul Galegher (701) 741-1375.

Worship

Hello ALL!!!

Well, we made it through Easter with the help of Pastor Kristen! She was certainly a blessing and GOD SEND that added continuity to the Season.

Once again, the congregation provided beautiful flowers for the Easter season. Thank you!

A BIG thank you to ALL that made Maundy Thursday SO meaningful not only to the 5th graders, BUT all of us with the hand washing stations. What a wonderful start to the Easter weekend.

Pastor Kristen added so much meaning to the Season! I'm not sure we can thank her enough.


JUST A REMINDER THAT JUNE and JULY do NOT HAVE ASSISTANT GROUPS so PLEASE SIGN UP IF YOU KNOW THAT YOU'LL BE IN TOWN. You can sign up by going to the St. Matthews website and going to the Worship section and selecting resources.

So far in the process of finding Pulpit Supply, St Matthews has been BLESSED. I pray we continue to be.

Thank you ALL for making the services special!

Bless you ALL,

The Worship Team: Cheryl Arntz, Sharon Gustafson, Nancy Morgan, Sue Simon, and Valorie Uhlir

	<i>May Worship Assistants</i>	
	Justin & Amy Bergeron Family	Roger & Sharon Gustafson
	Roy & Sandy Olson	Linda Schumacher
	Alex & Jen Starcevic Family	Chuck & Kara Welke Family

Ongoing Ministries

MEN IN MISSION

St. Matthew's men gather each Sunday morning at 9 am for a chance to chat, drink coffee and learn together. Their topics of discussion vary, but new folks are always welcome to join them.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

This group meets at the church on the 3rd Monday of the month for Bible Study. Their next gathering will be on Monday, May 16 @ 9:30am.



Thank you to everyone who furnished bars and helped with the setup, serving and clean-up for Carmen's funeral.

A special thank you to Vione who took time from her vacation to help coordinate everything.

We appreciate all of you!

Sue and Val
Funeral Coordinators



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Happy Birthday!

- 2 Jon Hjelmstad, Alivia Hancock
- 4 Rae Ann Burger, Weston Wilson
- 5 Jordyn Bohlman, Sara Larson, Ashley Breidenbach, Brandon LaRoque
- 6 Paisley Albin, Bob Foote
- 7 Murphy Landa
- 8 Lincoln Staveteig, Melissa Berger
- 10 Brittney Munson
- 11 Zachary Peterson, Kate Janousek
- 12 Lindsay George, Alexandra Johnson
- 14 Calen Broyles, Kaycee Wyatt
- 15 Nathan Berberich, Jen Aasen
- 16 Marjean Greene
- 17 Laura Benoit, Mak Mikelson
- 18 Cash Danner, Riley Kornkven, Carson Rood
- 19 Pat Hanson, Sara Munson
- 20 Pierce Cooper
- 22 Dex Avdem, John Berthold, Barbie Larson, Olive Dobmeier
- 23 Dylan Anderson
- 24 Christine Sivertson, Kory Sondreal, Andy Wilson
- 25 Lyla Vaagene
- 26 Travis Fretheim, Kody Schuppert
- 27 Deann Wieler, Bruce Loyland, Sean Burger
- 29 Jesse Kadrmas
- 30 Terrie Halvorson
- 31 John Schumacher, Christina Connole



Thank you to everyone who is part of the ministry at St. Matthew's! Here are a few folks we would like to say a special thank you to this month! We apologize if we miss anyone! The church mouse would like to thank:

- Gary W for always making a path to the door!
- ALL of the musicians during Lent, and Holy Week and our Easter Celebration!

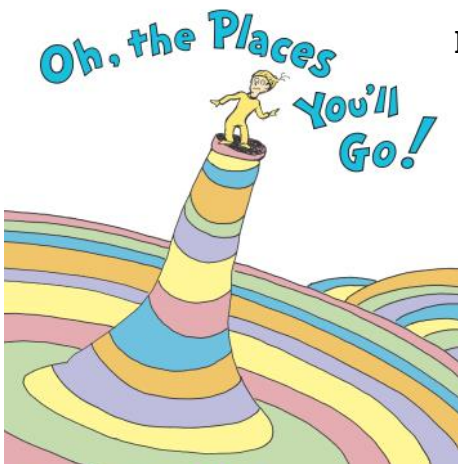
Together we can do God's Work with Our Hands!

- Pastor Kristen for leading the First Communion Retreat.
- Cheryl A, Sara M, and Mickey M for their roles in making the First Communion Retreat a success.
- Bre B for teaching the First Communion classes.
- Jon & Junelle H for providing live music for the Children's Good Friday service.



*Congratulations to our 5th graders
receiving their First Communion*

Eli Schumacher, Liam Wojciechowski
Dex Avdem, Drevin Setness, Caden Kurz
Kinley Plautz, Kaja Starcevic



Congratulations to our Graduates!

Please join us as our High School Graduates will be blessed by the congregation on Sunday, May 22nd during worship.

Lacey Daucsavage-Haskell

Averie Geatz

Riley Kornkven

Bailey Munson

Cole Potter

Connor Praska

Blake Schultz

Josie Schumacher

Jordan Senger

Ryan Strande

Jasmine Welke

Connor Welsh

Emma Wilson



St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Meeting

Date: April 10, 2022

In Attendance: Chelsea Lupien, Sara Munson, Beth Kurz, Justin Bergeron, John Schumacher, Ryan Welsh, Sue Simon, Robyn Bohlman, Sarah Krogfoss

Absent: Duane Naas

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by John Schumacher at 11:10. John Schumacher led opening prayer.

Agenda Approval: Ryan Welsh would like the Pulpit/Altar added to new business. Sue Simon moved Justin Bergeron seconded to approve the agenda with addition. MPU

Minutes Approval: Per Justin, the YTD income on February minutes should have been \$719 not \$751. Sara Munson moved Beth Kurz seconded to approve the minutes as amended. MPU

Financial Reports Summary		
	February	March
	2022	2022
General Giving Income	\$9778	\$12,094
Year-to-Date Net Income	\$719	\$2086
General Giving Checking Account	\$17870	\$19045
Special Giving Checking Account	\$32057	\$32500
Line of Credit		

Financial Reports:

Sarah Krogfoss questioned why some expenses from December are showing in the new year. It is caused by the timeliness of closing the books and will be noted if Education comes close to using up budget before end of year.

Approval: Ryan Welsh moved Sue Simon seconded to approve financial. MPU

Calendar Review: Take Sunday School off on the 15th of May.

Pastor's Report: Took some days off from her full-time job and will be doing some visiting this week. Pastor Kristin suggested for next year to have Lenten services at 6:30 – would probably get more young families. She will be with us until the end of April.

Men's Club & WELCA report: Fish Fry's went well. WELCA - nothing

Team Reports:

Executive Team: John Schumacher- has been in contact with synod about call process.

Education: Sarah Krogfoss – Sunday school will end on Mother's Day, May 8th. Sara Munson & Sarah Krogfoss will talk with other confirmation teachers as to when their last day will be and what the rest of confirmation classes look like.

Fellowship: Sara Munson – Had Resurrection Garden Party that was well attended. The next event is not until July.

Outreach: Beth Kurz – nothing

Food Pantry – no report

Properties: Duane Naas- nothing

Worship: Sue Simon– Stated how appreciative the team is at how helpful Vione always is but especially for the funeral they served as Vione was on vacation but still answered calls, made calls, and sent out emails that needed to be sent.

Youth: Chelsea Lupien– Youth group will meet again on April 20th.

Ruby's Pantry: Last event went well. Sold almost all shares. Next one is moved to April 28th. Will have group from the base to help with traffic control.

Old Business

HB Light and Sound-Duane hasn't received bid yet.

New Business

LYO Credit Card- Beth Kurz moved, Sara Munson seconded that we get Chelsea Lupien a credit card through the bank with a limit of \$1000.00 for use for LYO. MPU

Call Committee – there are a list of people who are interested in being on the call committee.

Council will meet again on the 24th to finalize this.

Altar, Pulpit & Baptismal Font – There are some memorials that may be put towards replacing one or more of these. There was discussion on how and whether to proceed with this. Decided to wait until more is known.

Next council meeting will be April 24.

Motion to adjourn made by Ryan Welsh, seconded by Justin Bergeron. MPU

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted, Robyn Bohlman

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Welcome to worship

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

In-person and live on our YouTube Channel

Address service requested



to all the wonderful women of St. Matthew's!