

November 2019

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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 prepare our hearts and minds to enter into the holiday season, I know it has been a rough road for many lately. Whether the weather is just affecting your mood, or it is affecting your livelihood and you are worried about the future, many of you have talked to me about how hard a fall this has been, and we have wondered together about when the rain and cold weather might end and the sunshine return.

I hope in the midst of the wet and gloom you are finding glimpses of hope. Glimpses like new families active in Sunday School and worship, glimpses of sunshine and smiles in the midst of the rain delays. Glimpses of good conversation when the only thing we can do is drink coffee and wonder about when harvest might be able to happen. Where have **you** found glimpses of hope lately?

I have seen glimpses of hope in the adult class that meets on Tuesday nights to talk about what it means to be Lutheran, as they study the small catechism together. I've seen glimpses of hope at the nursing homes as I have visited our shut-ins and seen their wonderful caregivers loving them and taking care of them as if they were their own. I've seen glimpses of hope in new babies that have been born, that are deeply loved by their older siblings. Glimpses of hope are abundant if we just slow down to see them, or take the time to look for them even on the gloomy days.

I hope in the midst of these days you are finding glimpses of hope, and that even amidst all the rain, you are finding things to be thankful for too. I am thankful for each and every one of you and for the gift that you are to our church family.

As a way to share our thankfulness together, I invite you and your family, if you are in town, to join us at worship on Wednesday, Nov 27 at 7:00 pm for our Thanksgiving Eve service. After taking time to give thanks even in the midst of the difficult, we will gather for pie and fellowship to remind ourselves that we do not walk this journey alone. That hope is here in our midst if we look for it. That hope is often found in our friends and in the strangers that sit across the aisle.

However you choose to enter this holiday season, know that we hold you in prayer. And know that we see hope in your midst, and that we give thanks for each and every one of you daily.

Grace and peace, *Pastor Amy*

# LYO: Youth Group

Youth Group – Our group has had great attendance this school year. We have over 30 students each week and have some new kids join us each week as well. It is great to see all the kids having a really good time. We painted bowls last month for the Empty Bowl project which was a lot of fun. The kids had a great time for a good cause and were very creative. We will hold LYO on Nov. 6th and 20th with the 6th being our Bingo night. We have a great group of team leaders that puts in time to make meals for the kids along with providing meaningful activities. Thank you Robyn Bohlman, Doris Cooper, Steve & Shannon Hancock, Charla Peterson, Heidi Strande and Ryan Welsh for all they do for these young adults.

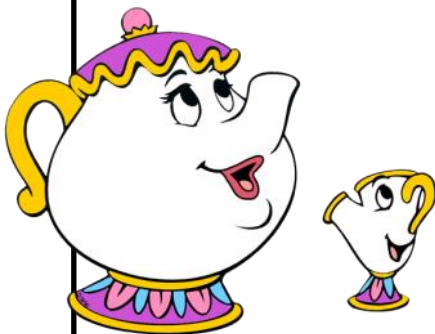




# Events and Happenings...



Thanks to all who took part in Blessing of the Pets. It was a joy to meet all of our furry, finned, fanged and feathered friends and give thanks to God for their companionship!



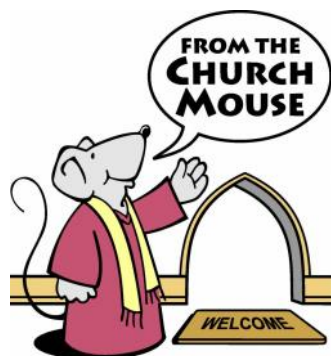
**WELCA Festival of Tables is Sunday, November 3, at 3:30 pm.** This year's theme is Disney: "A Dream Is What Your Heart Makes". Tickets are \$25 each **or** mother/daughter tickets purchased together receive a \$5 discount! For more information contact Sarah Krogfoss 218-791-4216.



*Outreach will have caramel rolls available for sale on Sunday, November 17th. Proceeds to benefit Feed My Starving Children*

Thank you to everyone who is a part of the ministry at Saint 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 and Mary W for preparing the confirmation banners
- All the quilters for making our kindergarten prayer pillows
- Sarah K and Chelsea L and the Outreach and Fellowship Teams for all of the fun put into Fall Frenzival
- Dalene J and Cheryl W for ironing names on confirmation stoles



WELCA is excited to announce that we have invited O' for Heaven's Cakes to St. Matthew's for a holiday cookie decorating class!

O'for Heaven's Cakes will provide the cookies, frosting, tools and expertise! Each participant will go home with a dozen decorated cookies.

Date: Sunday, November 24th

Time: 1:30 pm

Cost/Person: \$15.00

There will be a sign up sheet at the church and you can also call/text/PM/email Sarah Krogfoss to get your spot reserved. (218) 791-4216  
sarahkrogfoss@icloud.com

# Ongoing Ministries

**MEN IN MISSION** St. Matthew's men gather each Sunday morning at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall for a chance to chat, drink coffee and learn together. Their topics of discussion vary, and 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. This group spends time in responsive prayer, and then enjoys a cup of coffee as well. They are 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 November 21 at 6:30 pm at Eagles Crest in Grand Forks. 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 dessert, coffee and Bible Study. Currently Ruth Waller is writing their monthly Bible study. **WELCA Bible Study will meet Monday November 18 at Pastor Amy's Home.** New women are always welcome!



If reading in church, ushering or assisting with communion isn't "your thing", we would welcome a few dozen cookies or a pan of bars to share during fellowship after the service.

## November

Paul & Sonia Galegher  
Curt & Debbie Gilberg  
Rick & Claire Herland  
Rob & JoEllen McGauvran Family  
Mary Mitchell  
Mike & Nancy Morgan  
Jason & Alicia Schumacher  
Mike & Val Uhler  
Ruth Waller  
Mike & Dawn Zak Family

## December

Josh & Tanya Barker Family  
Jason & Jamie Bischoff Family  
Todd & Sarah Fee Family  
Travis & Brook Fretheim Family  
Jerod & Chelsea Lupien Family  
Kelly & Lynnea Mayer Family  
Damon & Bridget Pearson Family  
John & Jill Schumacher Family  
Tim & Christine Sivertson Family  
Richard & Mindy Staveteig Family  
Kevin & Lisa Strand Family

Do you like to bake? Do you like to eat pie? We are looking for folks who might be willing to bake or purchase a pie to donate to the Thanksgiving Eve Pie Fellowship. Sign up on the bulletin board outside the office, and then make plans to join us for worship and pie fellowship on Thanksgiving Eve starting at 7 pm!



*Each year St. Matthew's and St. Jude's team up to collect clothing and toys for those in need of assistance during the holidays. The tree will be up the week of Thanksgiving and packages delivered to St. Jude's near December 18th. If you have any questions in regards to the Angel Tree, please contact Julie Brorby.*





# Faith Formation

A reminder that Sunday school starts at 9 am and kids can be picked up in their classrooms by 9:55 am. Reminder that ALL kids should be picked up from their room. This is for safety with people coming to church, we don't want kids in the parking lot running out in front of a car!

We are getting ready to begin practicing for our Christmas Program! Please remember to look at the education calendar for important dates!

Also, remind kids to bring their bibles to Sunday School!

## November 2019

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3 - Kids Sing						
10 - No Sunday School						

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1 - Advent Fun Day						
15 - Christmas Program - 2pm						

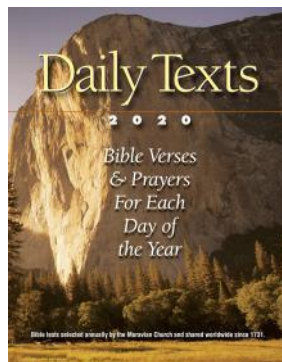
## Education Needs:

6<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation leader, to team teach!

Questions? Call Bre Berberich | 701.740.207  
breberberich@gmail.com



Want to order 2020's Daily Texts for your own meditation and prayer time? Sign up on the bulletin board today! Books are \$12 a piece and should arrive mid-December.



Pastor Amy's Office Hours for November:  
Monday: 9:00-11:00 am  
Tuesday Office Hours by Appointment  
Wednesday 7:30-9:30 am, 6:00-8:00 pm  
Thursday Pastor's Day Off  
Friday: 10:00 am-Noon  
(@ Caribou Coffee on South Washington)

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## Congratulations Confirmands of 2019:



Front Row (l to r): Bodin Fossum, Collin Hancock, Grace Cooper, Kjersten Lopez. Back Row (l to r) Nathan Sundberg, Nic Berthold, Reece Berberich, Leo Dearing, Hunter Novak.

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## Happy Birthday in November!

- 1 Eric Berthold
- 2 Marc Kurz
- 3 Zane Schumacher
- 5 Bre Berberich
- 6 Allie Ivesdal, Evan McGauvran,  
Joyce Morgan, Jonathan Muhs
- 8 Bethany Ivesdal, Mindy Staveteig,  
Nathan Sundberg
- 10 Ethan Gallant
- 11 Ian Haugen
- 12 Sue Simon, Steven Widman
- 13 Sharon Gustafson
- 15 Liz Welsh
- 16 Heather Shimek, Kaia Sorby
- 18 Reese Danner, Claire Manzke  
Jill Kuster, Kelly Mayer,  
Connor Welsh
- 21 Grace Cooper, Sandy Olson
- 22 Morgan Derosier
- 24 Taylor Zak
- 25 Renee Fossum, Kayle Sondreal
- 26 Ryan Benoit
- 27 Rorie Anderson, Sue Hovet,  
Richard Morgan
- 28 Brent Halvorson, Sarah Krogfoss
- 29 Mason Albin

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## Welcome to worship

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School at 9 a.m.

Address service requested



Join us for worship at 7pm on Thanksgiving Eve, followed by pie fellowship! Want to bring a pie? Sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office at 599-2081.



**Nov 3-Festival of Tables**

**Nov 27-Thanksgiving Eve Worship**

**Dec 1-Advent Begins!**

**Dec 15-Sunday School Christmas Program @ 2 pm**