

November 2022

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church
701 Broadway Street
Thompson, ND 58278
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The Messenger

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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

Count

Count your blessings instead of your crosses

Count your gains instead of your losses

Count your joys instead of your woes

Count your friends instead of your foes

Count your smiles instead of your tears

Count your courage instead of your fears

Count your full years instead of your lean

Count your kind deeds instead of your mean

Count your health instead of your wealth

Count on God instead of yourself

Your Blessings

Worship



From the Worship Team a BIG Thank You to those who signed up to fill the Reader, Communion, Usher and Acolyte slots last month! Our youth have been great at assisting in all of them!! Thank you to Jen Starcevic for her assistance in getting the confirmation students signed up. We sincerely appreciate it. | The Worship Team



November

Paul & Sonia Galegher
Rick & Claire Herland
Mike & Nancy Morgan
Sara Munson Family
Jason & Alicia Schumacher Family
Mike & Dawn Zak and Jacob

December

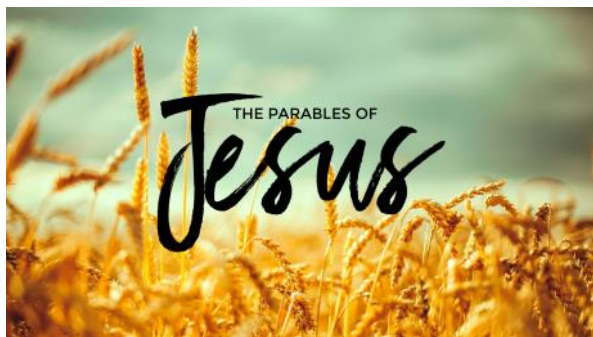
Josh & Tanya Barker Family
Todd & Sarah Fee Family
Travis & Brook Fretheim Family
Chelsea Lupien & Astasia
Daman & Bridget Pearson Family
John & Jill Schumacher Family

Confirmed in Faith October 30, 2022

Maxx Albin
Wyatt Bergeron
Cash Danner
Chase Cowdrey
Astacia Hansen-Oelrich
Katelyn Kuster
Wyatt Dearing
Ethan Gallant
Adalee Foote
Kasey Munson
Pastor Tessa Hanson



Faith Formation



Our Sunday School students have been studying the Parables of Jesus during September and October. So far they have covered the parables of the mustard seed, the Good Samaritan, the workers in the vineyard and the sower. They have had discussions about the size of their faith, being a good

neighbor, what is fair and building their faith on a solid foundation.

The first Sunday of October each student was sent home with a list of devotionals to cover at home for the month of October. On Sunday, October 30th the students are asked to return their devotional work to discuss during class time and donuts will be served!

We have begun practicing for the Christmas program! Each Sunday from now until the Christmas program we will be practicing songs and going over lines.



Dates to Remember—

November 6—	Devotion Handouts
November 13—	No Sunday School
November 20—	Donuts & Devotions Kids Sing
November 27—	No Sunday School
December 18—	Christmas Program
December 17—	Saturday Rehearsal

Confirmation - Youth Group

The Confirmation Students had a great night **Trick or Treating for the Food Pantry!**
Special thanks to our volunteer drivers and sorters: Josh Clemetson, Dena Hegg, Justin Johnson, Marc Kurz, Tiffany and Chris Rood, Taylor Munson, Stacy Plautz, Bridget Pearson; and to Mary Mitchell, Paul Galegher and Doug Berg from the Food Pantry.



**Neil Lindell is going to be celebrating his 90th birthday
and you are ALL invited! Join us for cupcakes, coffee and
lemonade and bring a story to share!!**

**Sunday, December 4 from 11:00—2:00
in Fellowship Hall**

Confirmation

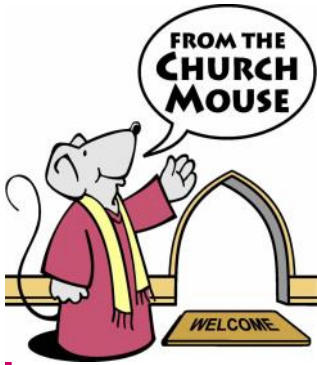
Confirmation is off
and running with
Wednesday
Confirmation classes!

During the first few weeks they have reviewed several familiar Bible stories and explored what these stories say about our God and what they say about us as a Christian people. Many students have been turning in worship notes and are on their way to completing the requirements. Please continue to sign up for worship assistant opportunities.

We have also arranged another service hours opportunity for the Christmas season! Confirmation students and their parents are invited join us to work at the Ring Family Tree Farm in rural Thompson on Saturday, December 3 from 1-6pm. This is an optional service event, not required, but the hours can count toward your student's requirements for volunteer service hours. Mark your calendars if you are interested in joining us! We will send out more information closer to the date.



It's Carmel Roll Sunday!!
November 6th following worship.
Please join us in fellowship as we
raise money for Feed My Starving
Children.



Thank you to everyone who is a 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!

- Pastor Tessa Hanson for leading worship on Confirmation Day.
- Sara M for organizing details for a beautiful confirmation day.
- All those who helped with the Trick or Treat for the Food Pantry.
- Bill Widman for getting the furnace working again.
- Duane N for setting up for confirmation and All Saints Day.
- Sue S for helping with All Saints Day tasks.

Thanks to all who are making a difference! We appreciate you!



St. Matthew's and St. Jude's churches will once again sponsor the Angel Tree project. This project distributes Christmas gifts to families in need in the surrounding community. The tree will be setup the Sunday after Thanksgiving. **Members are asked to pick an angel from the tree, purchase the gift that is written on the Angel and then return it, wrapped to the tree.** If you know of someone in our community who should be included in the Angel Tree Project this Christmas Season, please contact Julie Brorby (701-740-2906) or Rita West (701-213-7275). All names are kept confidential.

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. New folks are always welcome to join them.

WOMENS BIBLE STUDY

This group meets monthly for Bible Study. Their next gathering will be Monday, November 21 at 10am at the church. Women of all ages are welcome!



St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Meeting

Date: October 16, 2022

In Attendance: Duane Naas, Sue Simon, Justin Bergeron, Beth Kurz, John Schumacher, Robyn Bohlman

Absent: Chelsea Lupien, Ryan Welsh, Sara Munson, Sarah Krogfoss

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by President Schumacher at 8:47.

Agenda Approval: Justin Bergeron motioned, Duane Naas seconded to approve the agenda. MPU

Minutes Approval: Beth Kurz motioned, Justin Bergeron seconded to approve the minutes. MPU

Financial Reports:

Financial Reports Summary	August	September
	2022	2022
General Giving Income	\$10,392	\$8,509
Year-to-Date Net Income*	\$3,619	\$8,081
General Giving Checking Account	\$20,533	\$24,612
Special Giving Checking Account	\$33,702	\$34,743
Line of Credit	\$0	\$0

Pulpit supply cost will be going up in 2023.

Approval: Duane Naas motioned, Robyn Bohlman seconded to approve financial. MPU

Calendar Review: All Saints Sunday is November 6. Festival of Tables is not happening this year. Looking at November 20th for New Members Sunday.

Pastor's Report: none

Men's Club & WELCA report. nothing

Team Reports:

Executive Team: nothing

Education: Sarah Krogfoss – nothing

Fellowship: Sara Munson – nothing

Outreach: Beth Kurz– looking at November 6th for caramel rolls to raise funds for Feed My Starving Children.

Properties: Duane Naas– Spoke with ABC Maintenance who refinishes floors. Will try to get scheduled before the holidays. Will need help clearing out all tables, chairs and mopping floors. Will be doing general fall maintenance.

Worship: Sue Simon– People have been signing up as worship assistants and it is very much appreciated.

Youth: Chelsea Lupien– nothing

Ruby's Pantry: cancelled this month due to safety concerns with harvest going on and a school event.

Food Pantry –nothing

Call Committee: no new names as of now.

Old Business

1. Bid from HB Light & Sound—need to look at possibly moving some funds from special accounts and/or fundraising to get this done. Sue Simon motioned to move funds from unspecified memorials, Thrivent, and building improvement fund to the sound system technology fund. Beth Kurz seconded. MPU Duane will contact them and will try to get new system installed before December 1st if possible.
2. Confirmation and All Saints Sunday—have a Pastor that can be here for these Sundays.
3. Job Descriptions—we need to get a description together as to hours and responsibilities we are looking for. The executive team will visit with Vione and Jamie and put something together.

New Business

No new business.

Next council meeting will be November 20th at 8:30 am

Motion to adjourn made by Robyn Bohlman seconded by Sue Simon. MPU

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn Bohlman



ORDER A POINSETTIA TO CELEBRATE THE SEASON!

6 1/2" SINGLE POINSETTIA \$13.00

RED, WHITE, PINK & NOVELTY

7 1/2" DOUBLE POINSETTIA \$21.50

RED OR WHITE

10" TRIPLE POINSETTIA \$37.75

RED OR WHITE

PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AS THE FINAL ORDER DATE IS NOVEMBER 20TH. THE ORDER CAN BE TEXTED TO ME OR E-MAILED OR FILL OUT A FORM AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH AND PLACE IN MY MAILBOX.

Thank you, Valorie Uhler-701-739-6282 valuhler@yahoo.com



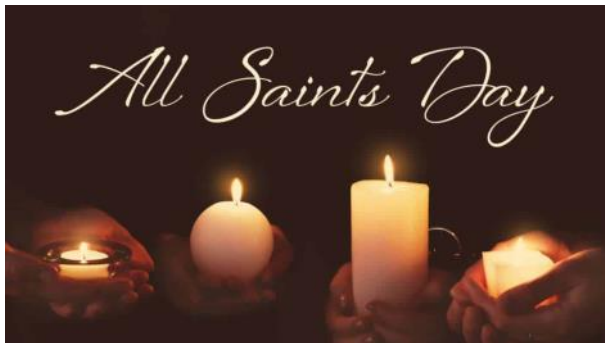
The Food Pantry is open during November on Tuesday November 8th from 11:00am—1:00pm and Tuesday, November 22 from 6:00-8:00pm.

If you or someone you know could use the assistance of the food pantry, please let them know, or come to the pantry during their open hours.

For more information on the pantry, talk to Mary Mitchell 701-599-2870 or Paul Galegher 701-741-1375.

Happy Birthday in November!!

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| 1 Eric Berthold | 16 Heather Shimek, Kaia Sorby |
| 2 Marc Kurz | 18 Reese Danner |
| 3 Tony Connole, Zane Schumacher | 21 Jill Kuster, Kelly Mayer,
Connor Welsh |
| 5 Bre Berberich, Kira Shaul | 22 Grace Cooper, Dan Herrig,
Sandy Olson |
| 6 Allie Ivesdal, Evan McGauvran,
Joyce Morgan, Jonathan Muhs | 23 Morgan Derosier |
| 7 Steve Hancock | 24 Taylor Zak |
| 8 Bethany Ivesdal, Mindy Staveteig,
Nathan Sundberg | 25 Renee Fossum, Kayle Sondreal |
| 10 Ethan Gallant | 26 Ryan Benoit |
| 11 Ian Haugen | 27 Sue Hovet, Kris Moen,
Richard Morgan |
| 12 Sue Simon, Steven Widman | 28 Brent Halvorson, Sarah Krogfoss |
| 13 Sharon Gustafson | 29 Mason Albin |
| 15 Liz Welsh | |



*On Sunday, November 6th we
remember our beloved St. Matthew's
Members who have died.*

*We remember
Mary Loing
Carmen Bohlman
Bob Eichhorst*

*We honor their lives and celebrate that it is God's grace that makes us saints
and we find lasting rest only in the mercy of God.*

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Welcome to worship

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

In-person and live on our YouTube Channel

Sunday School at 9 a.m.

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