

September 2022

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church
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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



Prayers for Blessing the Work of Our Hands

**Blessed be the works of your hands,
O Holy One.**

Blessed be these hands that have touched life.

Blessed be these hands that have nurtured creativity.

Blessed be these hands that have held pain.

Blessed be these hands that have embraced with passion.

Blessed be these hands that have tended gardens.

Blessed be these hands that have closed in anger.

Blessed be these hands that have planted new seeds.

Blessed be these hands that have cleaned, washed, mopped, scrubbed.

Blessed be these hands that have become knotty with age.

Blessed be these hands that are wrinkled and scarred from doing justice.

Blessed be these hands that have reached out and been received.

Blessed be these hands that hold the promise of the future.

**Blessed be the works of your hands,
O Holy One.**

Amen.

Outreach

The Outreach Team hosted the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon for the Thompson Public School Teachers on Monday, August 15. We served beef brisket, coleslaw, baked beans and a variety of desserts to a total of 53 teachers from TPS. A big thank you to Julie Brorby, Marc Kurz and Kristie and Mark Adams for helping to set up for the luncheon, to Vione for helping with the teacher gifts, to all those who brought desserts, and to Julie, Mary Welsh, Sue Simon and Sharon Gustafson for preparing and serving lunch. It was much appreciated by the TPS teachers!



The Quilting Ladies hearts and hands have been busy as they stitch quilts each Tuesday.

Join them on Sunday, September 25 as their quilts are blessed during worship at 10:00am.



WELCA was able to donate backpacks and school supplies to 10 students at Thompson Public School! Each backpack with supplies cost approximately \$63.

Thank you to Mrs. Trangsrud and Mrs. Brown for gathering the information and helping us make sure these students had a GREAT start to their year!

Thank you to everyone who has already donated!! We are still accepting monetary donations to help offset some of the costs. If you wish to donate please reach out to Bre Berberich or Bridget Pearson.

Upcoming WELCA Events:

September 18th: Fall Back Into WELCA

October 16th: BOO-YAH

November 6th: Festival of Tables

Please watch for more info about our upcoming events on our Facebook group (St. Matthew's WELCA) and in your emails!

Faith Formation

The kids enjoyed an awesome VBS experience in August! We had close to 40 students attend this summer. While at VBS they learned many new songs and meal time prayers. They had bible study time in their small groups and enjoyed lots of fun crafts, water games, skits and snacks. We are so grateful to Park River Bible Camp for bringing their “Knights of Abounding Love” programming to our church this summer. The kids played and prayed their hearts out—we look forward to having them back again next year!



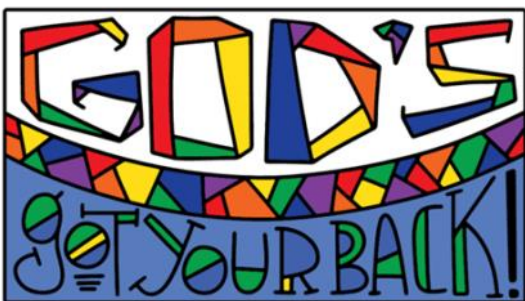
Confirmation parent/student orientation night for grades 6-8 will be held on Wednesday, September 14th @ 7pm.
9th grade students will be confirmed on Sunday, October 30th.
More information will be sent to the respective students.

We are bubbling with excitement for Rally Sunday on Sunday, September 18th! It will be our first official day of Sunday school for the fall and it will be all about bubbles! During worship our Sunday school and Confirmation teachers will be recognized. Following worship, food will be served.



Please plan to register for Sunday school and Confirmation so that we are able to properly plan for a successful year of Christian education. Look for the registration link in your emails, on the website, and on our Facebook page.

In His Grace,
The Education Team



There are still backpack tags available in the basket at the back of the church. Add one to your backpack and know that God is with you wherever you go!



Whether you have an hour or a whole day to spare you can make a difference and we would love to hear from you!



We are in need of a Confirmation Teacher for 7th grade!!!

Call Sarah Krogfoss at 218-791-4216 for more information OR contact the church office 599-2081
stmattsvione@gmail.com

Loving Neighbors

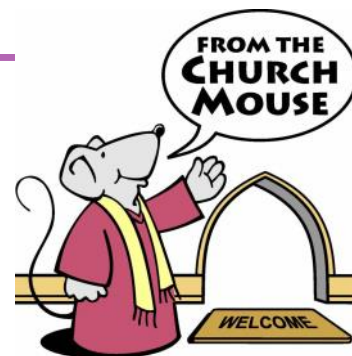


The Food Pantry is open during September on **Tuesday, September 13 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm and Tuesday, September 27 from 6:00-8:00 pm** If you or someone you know could use the assistance of the food pantry, please let them know, or come to the pantry during their open hours.

Thank you to everyone who made this summer a success. As we prepare to head into fall, and back to school, here are a few folks we would like to thank this month! We apologize if we miss anyone!

The church mouse would like to thank:

- All that prepared, served and worked the Teachers' Appreciation Luncheon.
- Roy O, Mike U, and Duane N for the summer mowing and yard upkeep.
- All who helped with the tidying of the church building.
- Jen S for taking on the task as leader for Confirmation.



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

Worship



Our very best wishes to Ruth Waller who will be moving to South Dakota to be close to family. Ruth spent her last Sunday with us on August 28th. She has been a huge part of St. Matthew's for many years. She has provided special music for holidays, was an organist for many years, sang in the choir, served as lay minister on several occasions and was always willing to help whenever and wherever she

was needed. We hope she will come back often to visit all her St. Matthew's friends.

God's Blessings Ruth!!



September

Neil & Kami Danner Family
Josh & Dara Faul Family
Jessica Haugen Family
Brandon & Leigh LaRoque Family
Dianne Lundgren
Scott & Charla Peterson Family
Paul & Heidi Strande Family

October

Ryan & Stephanie Broyles Family
Steve & Shannon Hancock Family
Justin & Jill Johnson Family
Duane & Chris Naas
Blake & Cassie Riewer Family
Ryan & Liz Welsh
Bill & Cheryl Widman

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, but new folks are always welcome to join them.

WELCA BIBLE STUDY This group will begin meeting again this month. Their next Bible Study will resume on Monday, September 19. Time to be determined.



The church office is open 9am-Noon, Monday through Thursday.

The baptism of **Granger Andrew Naas**, son of Andrew and Hannah Naas, took place on Sunday, August 28th. Granger's sponsor is Jonah Halterman.



Welcome to our Church Family Granger!
Congratulations to the Naas Family!



Happy Birthday in September!

- 1 Linda Quern, Mike Sundberg
- 5 Owen Clemetson, Tom Hodek, Todd Fee
- 6 Randy Bohlman, Samantha Jallo
- 7 Sara Anderson
- 9 Paul Bakke
- 10 Jera Sorby
- 11 Megan Bohlman
- 12 Jocelyn Sondreal
- 13 Ryan Avdem
- 14 Coleen Brorby
- 15 Jeremy Hughes, Duane Naas, Owen Gallant
- 16 Beth Hughes
- 17 Mark Adams, Josh Sem, Riley Stoe
- 18 Chelsea Lupien
- 19 Jen Starcevic
- 20 Jessica Haugen, Mickey Munson
- 21 Cooper George, Kevin Shimek
- 22 Charlotte Krogfoss, Brody Johnson, Lilly Murphy
- 23 Brett Sutter-Hegg, Brantley Vaagene
- 24 Tyler DeMoe
- 25 John Bohlman, Braden Faul, Jevin Fee, Paul Galegher, Julie Shirek, Greta Wilson
- 26 Cole Potter
- 29 Lukas Starcevic, Dawn Stoe, Kevin Strand
- 30 Brycen Faul, Jessica Wyatt

COUNCIL MINUTES

St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Meeting

Date: August 21, 2022

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

Absent: Beth Kurz, Chelsea Lupien

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by John Schumacher.

Agenda Approval: Sarah Krogfoss moved, Ryan Welsh seconded to approve the agenda. MPU

Minutes Approval: Sue Simon moved, Justin Bergeron seconded to approve the minutes. MPU

Financial Reports:

Financial Reports Summary	May	June	July
	2022	2022	2022
General Giving Income	\$10,565	\$7,156	\$5,741
Year-to-Date Net Income*	\$2,757	\$5,266	\$844
General Giving Checking Account	\$19,512	\$21,683	\$17,502
Special Giving Checking Account	\$34,740	\$34,780	\$34,246
Line of Credit	\$0	\$0	\$0

Approval: Robyn Bohlman moved, Sara Munson seconded to approve financial. MPU

Calendar Review: Confirmation classes will start on September 21. Bible Sunday will be October 2 with a retreat for 3rd graders that afternoon. No Sunday School October 23, November 13 & 27. Christmas program will be December 18th with practice on December 17th.

Pastor's Report: no report

Men's Club & WELCA: nothing

Team Reports:

Executive Team: nothing

Education: Sarah Krogfoss – Jen Starcevic will take the lead for confirmation. They ordered curriculum – *Echo the Story*. Parent meeting will be September 14. Classes will start September 21, requirements will remain the same. Rally Sunday is September 18- the theme is bubbles. Need Pre-K teacher for 3 months. Robyn Bohlman will teach for the 3 months. Bible Sunday is October 2nd with a retreat for 3rd graders that day. There will be no Sunday School October 23, November 13 & 27. Christmas program - December 18 with practice on the 17th. Freshman students will be confirmed October 30th. 38 kids attended VBS.

Fellowship: Sara Munson – nothing

Outreach: Beth Kurz –Served the Teacher/School staff luncheon this week. Served approximately 70.

Properties: Duane Naas- Chris from Stones came and fixed the camera that was making noise. Recycling dumpster was picked up – wasn't being used. The vacuum quit – is at House of Vacuum being fixed. Floors in fellowship need to be buffed and waxed, Duane will look into getting a quote for getting this done. Vione took playground equipment and made offering to church for it.

Worship: Sue Simon– Ruth Waller is leaving. Julie and Mary are covering until someone is found. Should we do something as a council? John added this to new business. September 4 Pastor John won't be here – we will probably find Lay Ministry.

Youth: Chelsea Lupien– nothing

Ruby's Pantry: sold 301 shares -donated 12 shares – area food pantry's have been coming here – The Mission and St. Josephs have shortages and have been picking up also.

Food Pantry: In June served 526 lbs of food, July served 369 lbs of food.

Call committee: Had 3 names submitted by congregation to contact and they were submitted to the synod. 2 came back as non-qualifying. There is a candidate coming on Wednesday for interview.

Old Business

Bid from HB Light & Sound – Received bid – Approximately \$6500 – table until possibly have new pastor and get their take on it.

New Business

Ruth's leaving – Sarah Krogfoss moved that council should get a gift for Ruth, Duane Naas second. MPU

Vione's leaving – should we start advertising for someone to fill her position/combined with bookkeeping? Could be 2 separate jobs. It was decided to start looking – will get something written up.

Next council meeting will be September 18 at 8:30am

Motion to adjourn made by Sara Munson seconded by Sue Simon. MPU

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn Bohlman



All women of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church
are welcome to
Women's Bible Study
Monday, September 19th
at the Church

Time to be determined.

JOB POSTINGS

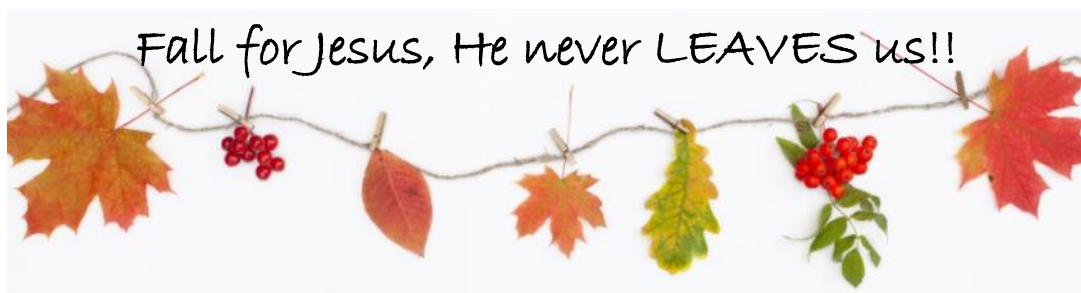
We have begun the process of searching for a part-time administrative assistant and bookkeeper. Vione will be retiring the end of May and Jamie's life is getting more busy with the boy's activities. If you are interested in this position, or know someone who would be interested in this position, please contact either

John Schumacher 701-741-3173 or Justin Bergeron 701-741-1516.





St. Jude's Catholic Church welcomes everyone to their annual Fall Dinner on September 11th from 12-5pm at the church. Cost is \$13.00 for adults \$8.00 for ages 6-12 and \$5.00 ages 5 and under. Take out is available for \$13.00 There will also be a bake sale.



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Welcome to worship

Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m.

In person and live on our YouTube Channel

Address service requested



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Offices Closed—Labor Day—September 5

Confirmant/Parent Orientation—September 14

Rally Sunday—September 18

Fall Back into WELCA—September 18

Women's Bible Study—September 19

Confirmation Class Begins—September 21

Blessing of the Quilts—September 25