

# *St. Matthew Lutheran Church*

*1505 Dover Street, Worthington, MN*

## *July 2015 Newsletter*

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**FROM PASTOR**

### **Spirit of Thanksgiving**

*“ Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now.” Philippians 1:3-5*

Greetings Fellow Saints,

What has been on the forefront of my thoughts lately is thanksgiving. First of all the Schreiber's would like to say thank you for the warm welcome you have given us to St. Matthews. The gift card shower you showered us with is a huge blessing as we settle into our new home on Thompson Ave. We are also thankful for all the encouraging words and thoughts so many of you have given us the past couple of weeks.

All the individuals that helped us move from Wisconsin to Minnesota could not have been any more wonderful. We are still rearranging, sorting, and unearthing many treasures, but it is starting to feel like home more and more each day. Moving is difficult, but we are thankful for all the kindness and help you have all shown to us.

In the scripture verses printed above, Paul was thankful for the Christians at the church in Philippi. The fellow believers there were very supportive of Paul and his missional efforts to that entire region. They supplied Paul with financial gifts, man power, encouragement, and prayer. He referred to them as his partners in the Gospel.

Of all the things that I listed above that I am thankful for the most important thing is that of your support of me being able to be a fulltime church worker in your midst, and to the larger community of Worthington. I am fully aware that I would not be able to devote my life to this pastor gig without your help and support, so thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I am not only thankful for your financial support, but like Paul I look forward to partnering with you in spreading the Gospel, not only amongst ourselves, but also to those who have fallen away, or who have never really understood what Jesus wants with them.

When I was considering this call to St. Matthews I had an overwhelming God given feeling that God has some great things in store for St. Matthews. I am excited to get to work, and see some of those things unfold in our midst. Thank you for your time in reading this and I look forward to many more thankful moments with you all.

In Christ,  
*Pastor Mark*

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## SUMMER WORSHIP AT ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN

We have added a mid-week service opportunity for the summer months!

**Saturday Worship – NOTE: There will be NO Saturday evening worship on July 4<sup>th</sup>!**  
6:00 p.m. Traditional Worship

### Sunday Worship

8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship  
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

**Monday Worship (this service will continue through August 31<sup>st</sup>)**  
6:30 p.m. Worship

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## Youth and Family News

*By Roxann Leckband*

Mom's Group for July will be on July 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> from 10:00-11:30AM. **Please note there will be only 2 groups in July.** Come enjoy some great fellowship and a time in God's Word. The little ones will have fun with Bible stories, crafts, games, snacks and more! If you have any questions please contact Roxie at 376-6168.

Young Family Night will be on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:30PM. Grilled burgers will be the main entrée. The burgers and buns will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. I look forward to seeing all of you!

Young Adult Night will be on Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM at the Hickory Lodge. Come and join us. We enjoy good food and good fellowship.

The Noon Fellowship will be on Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:00PM. The main entrée will be grilled burgers and potato salad. Please bring a dish to pass, a free will offering or just yourself. Come and enjoy great friendships and a devotional time. Please contact Roxie with questions at 376-6168.

Youth Mission Trip to Idaho will be leaving at 5:30AM on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> and returning the evening of Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. Please keep our mission team in your prayers.

Latreia Mission trip for our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to Minneapolis will be July 26<sup>th</sup> through July 29<sup>th</sup>. If you have not registered and would like to attend please contact Heather or Roxie at 376-6168.

**VBS Note:** There were approximately 60 children in attendance at our Vacation Bible School June 15-19. Thank you parents for sending your child and adding one more thing to an already busy summer schedule. Our VBS was well attended by our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Their attendance was 2-fold. The youth attended a Bible study in the morning and then were separated into other areas to assist with the younger children. This was extremely successful. There were seven 5<sup>th</sup> graders and seven 6<sup>th</sup> graders. These youth really got the message of service to others! We also had three 7<sup>th</sup> graders, two 8<sup>th</sup> graders, two 9<sup>th</sup> graders and four 12<sup>th</sup> graders who were serving and provided mentoring for our younger youth. We had a great week. To God be the Glory! **A HUGE THANK YOU to all the VBS Volunteers! We could not have run our VBS without you! We thank and praise God for you and your service.**

**Attention Parents of 3<sup>rd</sup> graders:** "My New Bible Class" will be on **August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-6:45PM.** The "New Bible" is a fun class to learn more about how to use the Bible. At the end of the class the most wonderful event happens as your child is presented with a Bible you have personalized. The class is intended for a parent/parents or guardian to attend with their child. If you are not available and cannot find someone to attend with your child please contact Roxie at 376-6168.

Community Garden: St. Matthew's week to tend the community garden is July 19-26. This is a ministry of the Worthington Are Youth Ministry Association (WAYMA) where we ask all members of the congregations to help. Please contact Roxie if you can help weed and/or water the garden. Thank-you for supporting this ministry that helps to feed members of the Worthington community.

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## CHURCH RECORDS

### Baptism

- Kaisley Lynn Granstra, daughter of Kenneth & Erika Granstra was baptized on June 21. Sponsors are Shanna & Andrew Altrichter.

### Funeral

- Robert "Biff" Nutt passed away December 18, 2014. A memorial service was held on June 27, 2015.
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## MUSIC & WORSHIP NEWS

*"Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."*  
*Ephesians 5:19-20*

We give thanks and glory to God for sending Pastor Mark, Joy, and their family to us at St. Matthews, and pray that God will richly bless our lives together. God has once again supplied for our needs by sending us a faithful pastor and a musically talented wife. We are indeed blessed! Joy Schreiber will be organist for our traditional services a few times this summer, before her teaching job begins. As the Schreibers settle into their new home and careers, we will continue to seek God's guidance for ways in which this family can use their musical talents at St. Matthews.

The pianos and pipe organ were tuned in early June. We were unable to use the organ for our services on June 6-7 because the blower motor would not start. This was completely unrelated to the tuning. Ken Meyer and Bob Westphal did needed electrical repairs, and feel that there should be no further problems. Thank you, Ken and Bob, for keeping our wonderful pipe organ going!

Drummers, guitarists, and additional singers are still needed for our 10:30 Contemporary Service. Please contact Amy Khamphanh or Susan Hansberger if interested in auditioning, or know of someone who could fill these needs. We are also still in need of additional people to run sound and projection at our services. Thanks for prayerfully considering these needs.

*Lorenda Glade, Interim Director of Traditional Music*

*Susan Hansberger, Amy Khamphanh, Interim Directors of Contemporary Music*

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## New Women's Bible Study

A NEW Women's Bible Study is beginning! The first meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:00-1:00PM in the basement. We will be starting with the book of Genesis. Come join us!

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## Service Opportunity!

Are you looking for a way to serve? Then consider volunteering to be the projector operator, camera person, or sound person during one of our Sunday morning services. This is an important ministry to the congregation and help is needed for our services on Sunday morning! If you are interested, please contact the church office or one of our tech crew

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## OFFERING REMINDER

Your FAITHFUL – REGULAR – WEEKLY offering commitment enables your congregation to meet important summer ministry commitments. If you intend to be away for several weeks, please consider mailing your offering to the Church Office. Your consideration will help our Treasurer to be faithful in her duties too! Thank you for your generosity. It's such a delight to see how God works through each one of us to be a blessing here in Worthington and around the world!

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## WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES FOR WOMEN

The Hope Circle will not be meeting in July. The Sarah Circle will meet on Tuesday, July 21 at 12:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. The Miriam Circle will meet on Monday, July 20 at 1:30 p.m. at Lela Haller's home. The Martha Circle will meet on Thursday, July 16 at 1:30 p.m. at Arlene Bents' home.

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## ALTAR GUILD NEWS

**Serving in June** will be Marge Ruesch and Sandy Meyer for the 8 a.m. services. If you would like to be a part of the Altar Guild; please contact Velma Cortright, 376-5600 or Sandy Meyer, 376-6290.

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## LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE (LWML) NEWS

There will NOT be a LWML meeting in July. We do the devotions at Crossroads Care Center on the Wednesdays in July. July 1 – Miriam Circle; July 8 – Sarah Circle; July 15 – Martha Circle; July 22 – Sarah Circle and July 29 – Hope Circle. Martha Circle will serve the coffee hour on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

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## THANK YOU

*Thank You to everyone that helped with the farewell coffee hour for Pastor Dennis & Jan Brech and the welcome dinner and reception for Pastor Mark, Joy and family. To those that setup the tables and chairs, prepared and planned the food, set up, served, helped with clean-up and anyone that even helped without being called upon. Your time and help was all greatly appreciated!*

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## Highlights from the June 9, 2015 Church Council Meeting

*The actual Minutes cannot be printed because they have not yet been approved.*

**Treasurer:** Expenses for May of \$27,452.17; income of \$37,279.38 for net income for the month of \$8,352.74. General Fund checking balance is at \$118,148.39. Building Loan balance at \$136,219.65. Memorial Fund Balance is \$24,637.90. Scholarship Fund is at \$640,824.46.

**Staff Reports:** Pastor Schreiber – Average attend during May was 293. Has been reviewing all staff responsibilities. Updates to the job descriptions are needed as they have not been reviewed since 2011. Also reviewing the constitution and committee/board responsibilities as they relate to the constitution. His goal in the first few months is to observe, learn the history of St. Matthew, and then begin visioning for the future. A new member class will begin in mid-July and will be held on Wednesday evenings. Pastor is enrolled in a Pastoral Leadership – a missional leader training immersion program. He will be recruiting 4-5 couples to join in a two-year process with Pastor on how to live a missional life style. The participants will meet every two weeks and he is hoping for intergenerational couples. Any suggestions for participants would be welcomed. Roxie – Sudanese ministry is going well. Pastor Ruey is going to Sudan for 4-6 weeks and requests prayers for his ministry there. St. Matthew's has donated money for Sudanese hymnals for this ministry. 22 youth are registered for the Idaho Mission Trip and will leave on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Lorenda – Pianos in the sanctuary, choir room and basement were tuned on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. The organ was tuned on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Special music for the summer months is being planned and Pastor is reviewing with Lorenda the liturgy that he would like to use for the traditional services. We are still in need of additional

## Council Meeting Highlights continued:

drummers for the contemporary worship services. Additional guitar players are also needed and welcomed.

Board of Elders: Pastor Schreiber will conduct Monday evening worship services beginning on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Pastor Schreiber will begin doing shut-in visits in August.

Board of Trustees: The Cable 3 broadcast of our worship service is still not working properly; neither the new nor the old system are working. Incoming new Trustees are Clarence Mess and Kirk Feit.

Board of Human Care: Love INC deliveries continue for the GAP ministry of providing household cleaning products to those in need. We are well-stocked with supplies, thanks to the LWML Rally held recently where items were donated for the ministry.

Old Business: Still need to appoint a Stewardship Chair Elect to replace John Galstad. Looking for a volunteer to serve as scheduler for the sound crew. We also need more volunteers for the sound and tech crews. Roxie will schedule confirmation students to observe the sound and tech operation so that they can learn about the process and try to generate some interest in serving when they reach high school age.

New Business: Will work toward scheduling communion on a weekly basis again. Our last church photo directory was done in 2011, so it is time to think about doing another one. This would be particularly helpful for our new pastor! Suggestion was made to establish a committee to get pictures done in the fall. Nancy will make contact with a few people.

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## St. Matthew Lutheran Church Quarterly Voters' Meeting August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:45 a.m.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

Please watch the weekly bulletins for more information.



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### EMAILING NEWSLETTER

Did you know that you can receive your monthly newsletter via email and help save the church in postage costs? If you would like this option, please email Bev in the church office at [stmatth@frontiernet.net](mailto:stmatth@frontiernet.net). It will be a PDF file – so you will need Adobe Reader to open the document.

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# JULY 2015 WORSHIP HELPERS SCHEDULE

## ACOLYTES

<u>Date</u>	<u>8 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
July 5	Austin Heimgartner	Brynne White
July 12	Jennifer Preuss	Samara Nordby
July 19	Carter Hokeness	Christopher Leckband
July 26	Austin Barber	Luke Gordon
August 2	Jasmine Ling	Eli Hansberger

## NURSERY (10:30 service only)

July 5	Jacquelyn Banegas, Beth White
July 12	Laci Boomgarden, Val Wolford
July 19	Jessalyn Broesder, Kham Holeton
July 26	MacKenzie Meyeraan, Heather Knigge
August 2	Zach Ahrenstorff, Gail Holinka

Please remember to **arrive at least 15 minutes before the service begins**. If you cannot fulfill your scheduled date, please find a replacement and call the church office with the change, 376-6168.

Thank You!

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## JULY GREETERS SCHEDULE

*Please Note: If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled time, please find someone to switch with and then let the church office know of the change. Thank You.*

July 5	(8 am) (10:30)	Jim & Eloise Langseth Joel & Julie Lorenz
July 12	(8 am) (10:30)	Donna Lee; Karen Schwartz DuWayne & Carol Oberloh
July 19	(8 am) (10:30)	Jan & Daryl Quiring Bruce & Bev Kness
July 26	(8 am) (10:30)	Luverne & Marilyn Meyer Dale & Vickie Larson
August 2	(8 am) (10:30)	Bill & Jeanette Smrcka Mike & Cindy Froderman

***\*If you would like to be a Greeter, please contact Bev in the church office and she will add you to the rotating list!***