

*St. Matthew Lutheran Church*  
1505 Dover Street, Worthington, MN  
*July 2018 Newsletter*

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**“Of Faith and Freedom”  
One Worship Service at 9:00AM  
Sunday – July 1st**

**JULY and AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.**

**Sundays we will have ONE blended  
worship service at 9:00 a.m.**

***\*Please note – there will be NO Van pickup for our July 8<sup>th</sup> service.***

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**WORSHIP NEWS**

*“Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!” LSB 801*

During the months of July and August, members of St. Matthew will join their voices together in one Sunday morning worship service. Evening worship will also be offered at 6:00 PM on Wednesdays throughout the summer. Our blended services will include familiar hymns from our Lutheran Service Book and worship songs led by our band. Many of our summer services will include special music during the offering.

We shared the components of our Lutheran liturgical worship in a recent series of articles in our newsletters. In our summer blended services, we will continue to prepare to meet our Lord during our preservice music, opening hymn, invocation, and confession and absolution. We will welcome our Lord through a hymn of praise and spoken collect. We will listen as our Lord speaks to us through His Holy Word and our Pastor’s sermon. We will confess our belief in the Triune God through the Creed. We will offer ourselves to God through our prayers and offering. We will receive the very Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we will return thanks and praise to God for His many blessings through our closing prayers and hymns.

What a privilege it is to be able to gather together to worship our Lord and Savior! Let’s take this opportunity to get better acquainted with all of our St. Matthew brothers and sisters during our summer blended services.

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## CHURCH RECORDS

### Baptism

- Addison Ranae Raudenbush, daughter of Jesse Raudenbush & Brittany Boomgarden baptized on June 17, 2018.

### Death/Funeral

- Byron Baumgarn passed away May 24, 2018; funeral service was held May 29.

### Transfer Out

- Mike & Patty Traphagen to Garfield, MN

### Weddings

- Michelle Krueger & Alan Halverson on June 9, 2018
- Ethan Spittle & Kacey Contreras on June 16, 2018

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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 & Sarah Circles will not be meeting in July. The Martha Circle will meet July 19 at 1:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

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## ALTAR GUILD NEWS

**Serving in July** will be Ruth Ramert and Kathy Roslansky 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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### **Service Opportunity!**

Are you looking for a way to serve your church? 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!

#### **We desperately need the following:**

- Sound Operators for both the 8am and 10:30am services (adults only)
- Camera Operators for the 8am services
- Projector (screen) Operators for the 8am services

If you are interested, or have any questions, please contact Bev in the church office or one of our tech crew in the balcony. Training is provided and we are very flexible with the scheduling. The more people we have, the easier the scheduling will be! **Please prayerfully consider helping out in the ministry.**

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

There will not be an LWML meeting in July. Crossroads Care Center Devotions will be on: July 11<sup>th</sup> (Sarah Circle) and July 18<sup>th</sup> (Martha Circle). Devotions are at 2:00 p.m. and are about 30 minutes long. Coffee Hour on July 15 will be hosted by the Hope Circle.

## THANK YOUS

*Thank you to family, friends and my church family for all the cards, hugs, and condolences at the visitation and during the confinement of Gordon during his last battle with cancer. A special thank you to Pastor Mark for all his visits and the beautiful service.*

*Jeanette Varuska*

*To St. Matthew Committees and Congregation,*

*Thank you to everyone for past and continued prayers as I graduate high school. Thank you for my quilt that was given as a special graduation gift. It is a wonderful keepsake. Also, thank you for the nice personalized devotional and wonderful graduation breakfast. I have really enjoyed growing up in and being a part of the youth group here.*

*Gavin Calmus*

*Thank you to our church family for all the cards, food and love shown to our family on the passing of Byron. A special thank you to Brenda Schreiber for her beautiful solo and to Pastor Mark for his comforting words. Also thank you to the ladies who served the lunch. It's comforting to be part of such a caring congregation. Byron will be greatly missed.*

*Marlene Baumgarn, Lowell & Pat Baumgarn,  
Tim & Sherri Baumgarn and families*

*Dear St. Matthew's Evangelism Committee and Congregation,*

*Thank you for blessing me with the book, "God's Answers for the Graduate" and for the quilt. I appreciate all of the prayers and support you have given me over the years. I will take my faith with me as I go to SDSU.*

*Christian Goedtke*

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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 [stmatrchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stmatrchurchoffice@gmail.com).

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## **St. Matthew Lutheran Church Quarterly Voters Meeting July 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 a.m.**

Mark your calendars and plan to attend! Read the weekly bulletins for updates!

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### **Church Officers for July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019**

President – Nathan Holt; Vice President – Ron Iverson; Secretary – Nancy Ihrke; Elders – Tim Hansberger, Chris Luther, Joel Lorenz, Mike Dierks, Arnie Ihrke, Kevin Schmidt; Trustees – Bryon Spittle, Kirk Feit, Clarence Mess, Jerry Vogt, Lynn Brunk. The other Board positions will be filled after we finalize our By-Law Changes. A listing will be posted on the bulletin boards in the north/elevator entrance and Narthex (south entrance) bulletin boards beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>.

# Our BLOCK PARTY on June 13<sup>th</sup> was a SUCCESS!



**EVERYONE  
HAD  
LOTS  
OF  
FUN !**



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**Vacation Bible School was a great success!** Thanks to the Camp Omega Staff, Captain Bill & Karen Knigge, Sandy Meyer, Bonnie Schroeder, Ruth Ramert, Jeanette Varuska, Dawn Dorschner, Marlene Jurgensen, Ben, Neveah & Isaac Schreiber, Bethany & Gabe Dorschner, Luke Gordon, Ivy Jenson, Kasen & Brynne White, Kailia Rosadakhom, Hunter Echternach, Mackenzie Meyeraan, Bailey

Sounthala, Kaylee Gerdes and all others who supported our VBS through their support and prayers. The children had a great time praising the Lord through Bible stories, crafts, games and singing. I deeply appreciate all of our volunteers who gave of their time to share the love of Jesus. In Christ,

## Highlights from the June 12, 2018 Church Council Meeting

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

Treasurer: May expenses were \$34,197.36; Income was \$30,873.23. Building Fund income was \$3,485.00. Net Income for the month was \$160.87. Balance in the General Fund Checking Account on May 31, 2018 was \$47,495.23. Memorial Fund balance is \$144,540.71. Scholarship Fund balance is \$703,848.92. Youth Account monthly report was \$30,605.19. Donations that are being given for the building fund are being deposited into the Memorial Fund.

Staff Reports: *Pastor Schreiber* –Average weekend attendance was 310. Average Wednesday attendance was 23. Have a few t-shirts that say, “I Love My Church” available from the church office for \$10, with proceeds going to the building fund. Shared information regarding the reenactment of the Passion Play in 2020 in Oberammergau, Germany. Will advertise to congregation to find out if members are interested in planning a trip there. Dates are from May 16-October 4, 2020. *Roxie* – Will be starting a food ministry which could provide a meal for those in need. Will be preparing some meals on June 26<sup>th</sup> at the church. Food supplies will be provided or you can bring you won. Everyone welcome to attend. Gave invocation at the Relay for Life Survivor’s Banquet. *Jenna* – Youth and chaperones going on this summer’s mission trip to Alaska have been meeting to plan all the details. Will meet every Sunday up until the trip to work on team building and skits they will be doing there. Please continue to pray for our chaperones and youth as they prepare to leave. Jenna was officially accepted into the DCE Program out of Concordia in Irvine, CA. Will start online classes the end of August. It is a 2-3 year program. On Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup> we will be using both church vans that morning to take us to the airport. We return Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> a charter bus will pick us up at the airport and bring us home. *Lorenda & Joy* – Organ was tuned June 1<sup>st</sup>. Discussion regarding ongoing problems with the band set up after funerals, it is strongly recommended that only worship band chairs and music stands without input boxes be moved when there are wedding and funerals. No microphones or other sound equipment should be moved. The worship band is just as vital to our worship services as the pipe organ and we need to move forward with the reality of the equipment being part of our sanctuary. This equipment needs to be in working order and ready to go by Sunday morning rehearsal time. Microphone and sound equipment cords can easily get tangled and disorderly. Joy and Lorenda will explore possible ways to lessen the problem.

Board of Elders: Monthly elder training done. Discussed Shepherding groups.

Board of Trustees: Newly elected members will start in July.

Evangelism: Planning food for the Block Party on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Gave a gift to each high school senior.

Unfinished Business: Building Committee – Monday night work continues for anyone willing to lend a hand. Katie Hansen has been coordinating the color schemes. Replacement windows will be starting soon. All new walls have been put up. New flooring target date is to begin end of July. Goal of project completion is September 1<sup>st</sup>. By-law changes will be brought to next quarterly voters meeting on July 29<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to outgoing board chairpersons for their years of service.

Next meeting is July 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

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## INTENTIONAL EVANGELISM CHALLENGE MOMENT

Only 7% of Christians share their faith with others, but we invite you to change that. Pray about who God wants you to talk to. Then, make a plan and go for it! We are called to share the Gospel and you can make a difference in someone’s life. Ask God to give you a servant’s humble heart. Look for an opportunity today to humble yourself and serve another person. Better to humble ourselves now than to be humbled by God later.

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# JULY 2018 WORSHIP HELPERS SCHEDULE

**Reminder – only ONE worship service at 9:00AM**

## **ACOLYTES**

July 1      Evan Hansberger  
July 8      Logan Meyeraan  
July 15     Kiera Ahrenstorff  
July 22     Presley Sieve  
July 29     Jake Ahrenstorff  
August 5    Austin Barber

## **NURSERY**

Carson Wolford, Beth White  
Alexa Kilker, Gail Holinka  
Kenadie Thiner, Jessica Larson  
Eli Hansberger, \_\_\_\_\_  
Kyle Ahrenstorff, Marlis Rohwer  
Brandon Bosma, Val Wolford

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.

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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 1      Cheri Schmidt; Marlene Jurgensen; Ilona Benson  
July 8      Ron Markman; Al & Gail DeGrote  
July 15     Myron & Sandy Meyer; Marlene Baumgarn  
July 22     Don & Lorna Buntjer; Bruce & Bev Kness  
July 29     Stan & Betty Hotzler; Alice White  
August 5    Keith & Margaret Schroeder; Karen Schwartz

***\*If you would like to be a Greeter, please contact Bev in the church office!***

